

From snipers to mothers

World War II exhibit focuses on women's roles A4



Longtime F.J. DeLaine employees reflect

The school's 'family' atmosphere made it special, duo says

BY BRUCE MILLS
bruce@theitem.com

WEDGEFIELD — F.J. DeLaine Elementary School's Willie Jenkins and Gloria Anderson share many things in common. The duo are the longest continuous-serving employees at the small school that will officially close at week's end as part of a consolidation effort by Sumter School District.

Jenkins has been at F.J. DeLaine for 25 years — dating back to 1993 — as the school's head custodian, while Anderson has served as a paraprofessional teacher for 24 years.

Like most students and other staff at DeLaine, Anderson will move to nearby Cherryvale Elementary School — located three miles away — next year as part of a combined pre-K through fifth-grade elementary school. Jenkins will move to Oakland Primary School near Shaw Air Force Base and hold a similar position.

Both said they loved and enjoyed their careers at the school and that because of the close "family" atmosphere at DeLaine, they never had a desire to leave for another opportunity.

Their favorite memories relate to staff and the kids.

"It's the good times and the people I worked with over here," Jenkins said. "There were a good many teachers that came through here and moved on. It was real, and we all got along well."

Anderson said her favorite memory was working for 10 years with the kindergarten classes under teacher Beth



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Willie Jenkins, head custodian at F.J. DeLaine Elementary School, looks over the school grounds recently. DeLaine was officially close as a school later this week in a district consolidation effort.

Guess. She said Guess was an outstanding teacher and that she learned a lot from her.

Both also take a lot of pride in working hard and helping children.

Even though he and his assistant maintained both the inside and outside of the school, Jenkins said his favorite part of the job was being outside and cutting the grass on the grounds.

He said he takes pride in the fact that in his first years at DeLaine, he got the school up to par, and "it was one of the cleanest schools that anyone

would walk into."

Anderson said she will miss the children the most, even though most of them will be going to Cherryvale.

She said her parents and her sisters inspired her the most while she was growing up to get an education and do her best.

"My mom always inspired us to get an education and then enjoy your job," Anderson said.

Then, she got the opportunity to join the school district

SEE F.J. DELAINE, PAGE A8



Gloria Anderson, a paraprofessional teacher at F.J. DeLaine, discusses her years of service at the school recently.

Best of Sumter celebration banquet will be Tuesday

Tickets available to public on first-come, first-served basis

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter Item's first-ever Best of Sumter red carpet event is fast approaching, and there are a limited number of tickets available to the public.

The red-carpet-style event will start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at La Piazza in downtown Sumter. An awards ceremony will include all the winners being called out to receive their Best of Sumter

plaque they can display in their business or office.

This will be a way to celebrate everything Sumter has going for it, from

SEE EVENT, PAGE A8

COLD CASE

1994

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?



Richard Gary has been missing since 1994 after his last sighting buying kerosene at a convenience store a few minutes from his home.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Richard Gary's gold 1980 Oldsmobile Regency was located about half a mile off St. Pauls Church Road one month after he was reported missing.

Disappearance still a mystery

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
adrienne@theitem.com

Unlike the number of years that have accumulated since Richard Gary's disappearance in 1994, Sumter County Sheriff's Office has been able to collect very little information and evidence since the investiga-

tion started nearly 24 years ago.

Gary, who was 56 at the time, was last seen about 8 p.m. on Nov. 27, 1994, by a convenience store clerk in Cherryvale about three minutes from his home when he bought kerosene.

SEE COLD CASE, PAGE B8

VISIT US ONLINE AT

theitem.com



CONTACT US

Information: 774-1200
Advertising: 774-1246
Classifieds: 774-1200
Delivery: 774-1258
News and Sports: 774-1226

DEATHS, B5

Darnell Frierson
Mabel M. Kelly
Larry R. Cress
Pearl Holmes
Bronco Frazier Jr.
Jessica R. DuBose

WEATHER, A12

HOT AND HUMID
Sunny, hot and humid today; tonight, cooler with spotty showers or storms possible.
HIGH 94, LOW 69

INSIDE

4 SECTIONS, 28 PAGES
VOL. 123, NO. 161

Classifieds C6
Comics D1
Education A4
Opinion A9
Outdoors C5
Panorama A5
Reflections C3
Sports B1
USA Today C1
Yesteryear C4



SECOND FRONT

Call: (803) 774-1226 | E-mail: pressrelease@theitem.com

3 teens arrested in carjacking of delivery driver

14-year-old sent to S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
adrienne@theitem.com

Three teenagers, the youngest 14, were arrested in connection with the carjacking of a pizza delivery driver's vehicle from the street in Dalzell where one of the suspects lives.

After one day of investigating, K'Shawn Anderson, 18, of



ANDERSON

Acton Road in Dalzell; Jason Tyrell Ford, 17, of Valleybrook Road in Sumter; and a 14-year-old male have been charged with armed robbery and carjacking. The 14-year-old's name and address are withheld because he is a minor.

The three suspects are accused of attacking the delivery driver when she brought an order to a residence in the 5900 block of Acton Road about 4

p.m. on Tuesday, according to Capt. Robert Burnish with Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The three suspects allegedly approached the victim as she returned to her 2013 Ford Focus after no one answered the door at the residence.

The victim said one of the men presented a large gun, possibly a rifle, and threatened to kill her if she looked at him, Burnish said.

Another suspect is accused of pulling the victim from the vehicle and taking the keys as she tried to get away. The deliv-

ery driver was able to break free from the second suspect and run away from the area.

The three suspects then left the area in the Ford Focus.

Anderson, Ford and the 14-year-old were identified and subsequently arrested after the sheriff's office received information about a burglary in the same neighborhood, Burnish said.

Burnish said the delivery driver positively identified all three suspects in a photo lineup. Anderson and Ford are being held in Sumter-Lee Re-

gional Detention Center, and the 14-year-old is in the custody of South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

Burnish said a \$75,000 bond has been set for both Anderson and Ford, who will have to wear ankle monitors if they are released.

The suspects could face more charges as the investigation continues, he said.

Burnish said investigators located the Ford Focus in Columbia and that crime scene investigators will examine the vehicle and bring it back to Sumter.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter man calm after winning \$25K a year for life

A Sumter man who recently won \$25,000 a year for life remained calm when he found out he bought a winning ticket.

The ticket sold at Mazingos Grocery on North Main Street matched the first five numbers in Monday's Lucky for Life drawing. They were 4, 6, 13, 16 and the lucky ball of 7. The winner discovered his ticket matched all the numbers at a retailer, according to the South Carolina Education Lottery.

The clerk told him, "You've got to go to Columbia." When he asked what for, the clerk said, "You just hit a jackpot!"

The winner didn't let it go to his head and calmly said, "Well, OK then."

He told lottery officials he has not visited Columbia since 2006.

He had the choice between receiving \$25,000 a year for life or a one-time cash payment of \$390,000 if there are less than 21 winners and chose the one-time payout.

The winner said he plans to pay off his home and put the rest in the bank.

SCDOT to hold meeting on possible Bishopville truck route

South Carolina Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting on Thursday in Lee County to consider preliminary alternative corridors for a proposed Bishopville truck route.

An informal drop-in meeting from 5-7 p.m. in the Lee Central High School cafeteria, 1800 Wisacky Highway, will display each potential alternative, and SCDOT staff and project team members will be on hand to gather feedback, answer questions and to address specific concerns such as property impacts and project background.

Comments will be accepted regarding this phase of the project until June 30.

Several preliminary build alternative corridors are being considered to address existing and future truck volumes traveling through downtown Bishopville on U.S. 15/North Main Street.

A no-build alternative is also being evaluated by the project team.

Another purpose of the meeting is to gather information from the public on any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area.

Deadline to apply for absentee by mail ballot is Thursday

The deadline to apply for an absentee by mail ballot for the June 16 primary is on Friday, June 8. Absentee voting will begin on Saturday, June 9, at the Sumter County Registration and Election Office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stretching their legs



Young Canada geese relax May 26 at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens before the Iris Festival began that day.

MELANIE SMITH / THE SUMTER ITEM

Service academy nomination applications open

U.S. Sen. Scott had 45 students considered for appointment last year

BY KAYLA ROBINS
kayla@theitem.com

A United States senator who represents South Carolina is now accepting applications for service academy nominations.

Candidates interested in attending one of the four service academies — U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy — may submit applications and other necessary documents to the Office of U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-SC, through Friday, Oct. 19.

United States Congressmen can nominate candidates to academies,

which provide a coveted free education, and the vice president can nominate a select few to the U.S. Naval, Air Force and Military academies. Other candidates may be eligible for nomination by certain U.S. territory leaders.

"I am thankful for those that desire to serve our country," Sen. Scott said. "I am especially humbled by our high school students who make the decision to pursue a military career at such a young age."

During the last academic year, Scott nominated 45 students from across South Carolina to be considered for an appointment to one of the four academies for the

Class of 2022.

Students interested in being considered for a nomination by Scott must submit an application, which includes two essays, a resume, their official SAT/ACT scores, official high school transcripts and three letters of recommendation.

"For those that decide they want to apply to one of our service academies, you are choosing to take on one of the most challenging and rigorous collegiate curriculum our country has to offer."

For more information about the service academy nomination process, visit the senator's FAQ page or call the service academy coordinator at (803) 771-6112.

OSTEEN

PUBLISHING COMPANY
Established 1894

36 W. LIBERTY ST., SUMTER, S.C. 29150
(803) 774-1200

Vince Johnson
PUBLISHER
vince@theitem.com
(803) 774-1201

Kayla Robins
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
kayla@theitem.com
(803) 774-1235

Rhonda Barrick
NEWSROOM MANAGER
rhonda@theitem.com
(803) 774-1264

Kathy Stafford
CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER
CLASSIFIEDS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND
DELIVERY
kathy@theitem.com
(803) 774-1212

Sandra Holbert
OBITUARY / NEWSROOM CLERK
sandra@theitem.com
(803) 774-1226

HOW TO REACH US

IS YOUR PAPER MISSING? ARE YOU GOING ON VACATION?

Call (803) 774-1258
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TO PLACE A NEWSPAPER AD

Call (803) 774-1200 Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TO PLACE AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Birth, Engagement, Wedding,
Anniversary, Obituary
Call (803) 774-1226
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TO BUY A SUBSCRIPTION

Call (803) 774-1200
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Standard Home Delivery
TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY PLUS
SUNDAY
One year - \$189; six months - \$94.50; three
months - \$47.50; one month - \$15.75. EZPay,
\$14.50/month

Mail Delivery

One year - \$276; six months - \$138; three
months - \$69; one month - \$23

The Sumter Item is published five days a week except for July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day (unless those fall on a Sunday) by Osteen Publishing Co., 36 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Periodical postage paid at Sumter, SC 29150.

Postmaster: Send address changes to Osteen Publishing Co., 36 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150

Publication No. USPS 525-900



SUMTER TODAY

NOW SHOWING AT THEITEM.COM/STUDIOSUMTER

American Legion Sumter P-15's hold opening day for their summer season.

PRESENTED BY



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SUMTER

A Palmetto College Campus



Report: Trump lawyers' letter to Mueller challenges subpoena

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's lawyers composed a secret 20-page letter to special counsel Robert Mueller to assert that he cannot be forced to testify while arguing that he could not have committed obstruction because he has absolute authority over all federal investigations.

The existence of the letter, which was first reported and posted by The New York Times on Saturday, was a bold assertion of presidential power and another front on which Trump's lawyers have argued that the president can't be subpoenaed in the special counsel's ongoing investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

The letter is dated January 29 and addressed to Mueller from John Dowd, one of Trump's lawyers at the time who has since resigned from the legal team. In the letter, the Trump's lawyers argue that a charge of illegal obstruction is moot because the Constitution empowers the president to, "if he wished, terminate the inquiry, or even exercise his power to pardon."

Trump weighed in on Saturday on Twitter, asking "Is the Special Counsel/Justice



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump, center, accompanied by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, speaks to members of the media on the South Lawn outside the Oval Office in Washington on Friday after meeting with former North Korean military intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol. After the meeting Trump announced that the Summit with North Korea will go forward. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

Department leaking my lawyers letters to the Fake News Media?" He added: "When will this very expensive Witch Hunt Hoax ever end? So bad for our Country."

Mueller has requested an interview with the president to determine whether he had criminal intent to obstruct the investigation into his associates' possible links to Russia's election interference. Trump had previously signaled that he would be willing to sit for an interview, but his legal team, including head lawyer Rudy Giuliani,

have privately and publicly expressed concern that the president could risk charges of perjury.

NBSC sign change coming later this month in tri-county

BY BRUCE MILLS
bruce@theitem.com

Four National Bank of South Carolina branch locations in Sumter and one each in Manning and Bishopville will soon get a face-lift as the bank transitions its signage and other legal branding to its parent company's name.

Since January, Synovus has implemented a staggered brand transition across five states of all of its non-Synovus bank divisions, company spokesman Lee Underwood said Friday.

With 38 branches in South Carolina, NBSC will complete that brand transition of signage, business cards, pens and other legal branding this month. The signage transition in Sumter County is scheduled for the middle of the month,

Underwood said.

NBSC was actually founded in Sumter in 1905. Synovus acquired NBSC in 1995. Currently, NBSC has 340 employees.

Having one brand name will help with marketing and customer recognition across the Southeast, according to Underwood.

NBSC Sumter Market President Melissa White said she was proud of the reputation that NBSC has built in conjunction with Synovus and is looking forward to the future.

"Adopting the Synovus name while maintaining our local, relationship-centered delivery model will increase awareness of our regional presence, our financial capabilities and our ability to meet the needs of customers and prospects," White said.

PLACE YOUR AD IN 101 S.C. NEWSPAPERS
and reach more than 2.1 million readers using our small space display ad network

Statewide or regional buys available

Alanna Ritchie 888.727.7377
scnewspapernetwork.com

SCNNI SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPER NETWORK We know newspapers.

SOUTHERN STATES FARM PET GARDEN
Palmetto Farm Supply

It's Flea and Tick Season... Don't forget about us!

***SAME ACTIVE INGREDIENTS - 4 MONTH SUPPLY**
ADVANTAGE II - \$49.99 • PETLOCK II - \$30.99
KILLS FLEAS, TICKS, EGGS AND LAVAE

***SAME ACTIVE INGREDIENTS - 4 MONTH SUPPLY**
ADVANTIX II - \$54.99 • PETLOCK MAX - \$35.99
KILLS FLEAS, TICKS, MOSQUITOS

***SAME ACTIVE INGREDIENTS - 3 MONTH SUPPLY**
FRONTLINE PLUS - \$49.99 • PETLOCK PLUS - \$30.99
KILLS FLEAS, FLEA EGGS AND LAVAE

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY 8AM - 6PM
335 Broad Street • Sumter, SC
803-775-1204

BUYING GOLD EVERY DAY
Paying Top Dollar in Sumter

JEWELRY WHOLESALE
41 E. Wesmark Blvd. • 778-1031

AIRLINES ARE HIRING

Get FAA approved hands on Aviation training.
Financial aid for qualified students -
Career placement assistance.
Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance for free information
866-367-2513

EXCEPTIONAL EXCITING EXPERIENCED

MORNINGSIDE OF SUMTER
A FIVE STAR SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY
2500 Lin-Do Court
Sumter, SC 29150
803-469-4490

Life is full of choices, but choosing the right senior living community should be **EASY!**

EXCEPTIONAL - All Day Dining Featuring Regional Cuisine and Signature Recipes
EXCITING - Award-winning Lifestyle360 Wellness and Activity Programs
EXPERIENCED - A dedicated team of seasoned professionals available to assist anytime

www.MorningsideOfSumter.com
ASSISTED LIVING • RESPITE CARE

©2017 Five Star Senior Living



PHOTO PROVIDED

Central Carolina Technical College President Dr. Michael Mikota, right, gave the commencement speech at Thomas Sumter Academy on May 19. Mikota is an alumnus of Wofford College. Thomas Sumter Academy's valedictorian, Marley McCormick, center, will be attending Wofford in the fall, and Wofford's current student body president Drake McCormick (Marley's brother), left, graduated from Wofford on May 20. CCTC is proud to make connections with four-year colleges and universities, like Wofford, through the college's dual enrolled course offerings and admission agreements.

Central Carolina Technical College

PATH TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Path to Provide is a partnership with the South Carolina Technical College System and affiliated colleges and the South Carolina Hospital Association and member hospitals. The scholarship program allows students pursuing an associate degree in nursing to attend classes fulltime and work parttime at a sponsoring hospital. The sponsoring hospital provides financial assistance toward the student's tuition and cost of attendance each year while the student is enrolled full-time in an academic program. Interested in applying? Applications should be submitted via the website at www.SCPATHtoProvide.com.

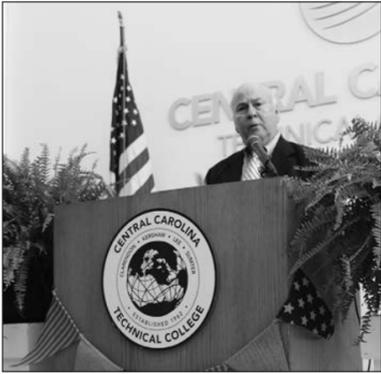


PHOTO PROVIDED

Sammy Way, archivist and historian at *The Sumter Item*, was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at CCTC on Thursday. Way spoke about the many men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and that have influenced and paved the way for today's service members. CCTC has a long, proud history of providing high-quality, affordable education to active duty military members, dependents and veterans.

Thomas Sumter Academy

LOWER SCHOOL 4TH QUARTER AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Head of School (average of 95 or higher in all subjects)

- first grade — Stella Lindler, Autumn Crockett, Alannah Schrank, Liam Smith and Bella Stephenson;
- second grade — Skylar Spilker, Juli Tupper and Riley Carnes; and
- fifth grade — Trenton Spilker.

Citizenship (87 or higher)

- first grade — John Amick, Janvi Patel, Julian Wooten, Audrey Allen, Landon McLellan, Sebastian O'Connor, Lela Reilly and Grayson Sosbee;
- second grade — Abby Hodge, Riya Patel, Sara Claire Reid, Emily Arnold, Kira Davis, Sam Isler, Shawn Lasica, Colby O'Connell and Peyton Triplett;
- third grade — Luke Cato, Paisley Hill, Boone Hitch, Emma Jackson, Emily Lindler, Jack McGary, Sophia Miranda, Madison Morrow, Amy Spivey and Taelor Stevens;
- fourth grade — Anna Bell, Annabelle Broman, Sadie Cox, Ben Kessinger, Will Morris, Mikayla Razor, Ronia Sanders, Sydnie Shaffer and Payton Sosbee; and
- fifth grade — Reese Distelzweig, Reed Dollard, Piper Hitch, Jared Lynch, Taryn McBrayer, Brynna Nelderman, Diya Patel, Christian Razor and Molleigh Ross.

Citizenship

- first grade — Logan Finan and Alannah Schrank;
- second grade — Riya Patel and Peyton Triplett;
- third grade — Amy Spivey and Luke Cato;
- fourth grade — Brayden Finan and Abigail Rocheleau; and
- fifth grade — Reese Distelzweig and Sylvia Burrows.

End of the year — Head of School

- first grade — Stella Lindler, Autumn Crockett, Landon McLellan, Sebastian O'Connor, Lela Reilly, Alannah Schrank, Liam Smith and Bella Stephenson;
- second grade — Skylar Spilker and Juli Tupper;
- fourth grade — Annabelle Broman

- and Benjamin Kessinger; and
- fifth grade — Diya Patel and Trenton Spilker.

Morris College

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM RECOGNIZED

The Morris College Criminal Justice program has been named No. 8 on the Top 10 Law Enforcement Degree Programs 2017-18 by *Schools.com*. Ranked with the likes of CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Columbia College and fellow South Carolina institution, Citadel Military College, Morris College earned its No. 8 spot in the rankings based on its admissions policy, low 15:1 student-faculty ratio, and total number of law enforcement degrees conferred to students in 2015. Also in 2015, Morris College's Criminal Justice program was named No. 2 on the *CorrectionalOfficer.org* list of Top Schools Supporting Careers in Criminal Justice and Corrections.

Dr. Jacob Butler, interim academic dean, explained in 2015: "This rating by a national agency confirms the efforts that we, at Morris College, have made to create and maintain academic programs that can stand toe to toe with anybody else in terms of quality."

The new national ranking on *Schools.com* further supports Morris College's efforts. Morris College has consistently had senior students in criminal justice score above the national average on the national Major Field Achievement Test and go on to obtain gainful employment in the criminal justice field. The institution is dedicated not only to employing faculty experienced in the field, but also bringing in guest lecturers ranging from coroners to state troopers, solicitors and forensic scientists to further enhance the education of criminal justice students.

Most recently, Morris College established a partnership with the Greenville Police Department to prepare students for a career in law enforcement. — *Anika Cobb*

Sumter School District

BEN CARSON READING ROOM OPENS AT MANCHESTER ELEMENTARY

Thanks to the generosity of the Thompson Construction Group, the Carson Scholars Fund announced the opening of a Ben Carson Reading Room at Manchester Elementary School where they held a grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting on Tuesday.

The Ben Carson Reading Project founded by retired world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon and *New York Times* bestselling authors Dr. Ben Carson and his wife, Candy, is an initiative of the Carson Scholars Fund. The purpose of the Ben Carson Reading Project is to create a literacy-enriched environment for children to enhance their reading skills. The reading project is dedicated to promoting reading as a key to unlocking a child's full potential.

The theme of the Manchester Elementary School reading room was inspired by the children's book "Giant Steps to Change the World." The book's featured influential and inspiring individuals will demonstrate to the scholars that everyone has the ability to be a hero.

This is the fourth Ben Carson Reading Room to be established in South Carolina and the second to be sponsored by Thompson Construction Group.

"What an amazing honor to be a recipient of a Ben Carson Reading Room," said Dr. Joan Tye, principal of Manchester Elementary School. "Everyone associated with Manchester Elementary School is absolutely thrilled to partner with the Carson Scholars Fund to encourage students to be lifelong learners and big thinkers through reading. We want to thank Thompson Construction Group for their generous donation which made this room possible. For years to come, students will enter this room to read and reflect so they too may take their next big steps."

To date, 189 reading rooms have been established serving students in 23 states

and Washington, D.C. To learn more about the Carson Scholars Fund visit www.carsonscholars.org.

GRADUATION SCHEDULES

Graduation ceremonies will be held this weekend in Sumter School District for the Class of 2018. Crestwood and Lakewood high schools' ceremonies will be held on Friday at Sumter County Civic Center. Lakewood High School's ceremony begins at 3 p.m., and Crestwood High School's graduation begins at 7 p.m.

The doors will open one hour prior to each graduation. Admission is by ticket only; graduating seniors each have a limited number. No balloons or flowers are allowed in the center.

The graduation for Sumter High School will be held on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Memorial Stadium. The gates will open at 8 a.m. All in attendance must have a ticket, including small children. Each graduate has a limited number of tickets.

Graduation announcements from students are not the same as tickets. Persons without a ticket will not be admitted to the ceremonies due to the capacity of each facility.

BATES MIDDLE WRAPS UP INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Timeless wisdom and enthusiastic youth blended two generations where the quote, "In order to be old and wise, I had to be young and foolish" was most relevant.

Bates Middle School has been the host of the Intergenerational Program since 2015. Community members and students meet monthly at the school to engage in rich discussions that center on key life issues that everyone faces.

At their last meeting, the students traveled to Downtown Sumter where they met the adult members of the program at the newest attraction in Sumter, the Hyatt Place. General Manager Cheryl Baker and her most meticulous staff greeted the invitees as they were welcomed with a wholesome and hearty breakfast.

Baker is also a member of the Intergenerational group. She and Dr. Ayesha Hunter collaborated with the culminating event that profiled the South Carolina graduate. The South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards were demonstrated in soft skills and activities that included teamwork, communication, creative thinking, work ethic, job interviewing, conflict resolution and other skills that will prepare students for the real world. — *Shelly Galloway*

Lee County School District

LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Lower Lee Elementary School family would like to congratulate Mrs. Beauty Veney for being selected as their school's 2018-19 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Veney has 15 years of teaching experience and served at Lower Lee Elementary School for her entire professional career. She taught first grade for eight years and kindergarten for seven years. During her tenure, she has served as a mentor for first-year teachers, grade level chairwoman and textbook coordinator. She has also been a cooperating teacher for a student teacher from Morris College. Mrs. Veney serves as a 5K teacher, and she continues to spearhead several events at Lower Lee Elementary School such as the Fall Festival, Literacy Night and the Father-Daughter Dance Social. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Francis Marion University and a Master in Literacy Education from Cambridge College.

Lower Lee Elementary School's students demonstrated that they understand the importance of creating a healthy, sustainable environment during their recent Earth Day celebration. Students from each grade level worked as a team and planted a total of eight crape myrtle bushes on the school's campus. To commence the event, the students recited an Earth Day poem and to conclude the event, the students held hands, formed a circle around the bush and sang a song titled, "Take Care of the Earth."

Math stations have been a big hit for first-grade students at Lower Lee Elementary School. After a math strategy or skill is taught, students practice the skill or strategy in teacher-created math stations. The students visit one station/center daily and complete a full rotation once each week. During this time, the teacher plays the role of facilitator and also works with small groups that may need additional support. Recently, stations focused on 2D and 3D shapes. One of the students' favorite center was creating 2D and 3D structures using toothpicks and marshmallows. Math class has become one of the favorite parts of the day for the first-grade students.

Lower Lee Elementary School recently celebrated April and May birthdays. During the celebration, students enjoyed cake, ice cream and received a birthday pencil.

It has been an incredible year of learning for fifth-grade students at Lower Lee. The students recently took the SCPASS and SC Ready state exams and anticipate exceptional results this year. To prepare for the state exams,

the students participated in educational games such as Quizlet Live and Jeopardy. They also focused on test-taking strategies.

The students enjoyed the three-day field trip to Washington, D.C., that began May 23. They would like to thank everyone who participated in the doughnut fundraiser. The field experience is an excellent way to end the school year.

The fifth-grade promotion ceremony was held May 3. Hats off to the fifth-grade students and teachers for a job well done.

Students enjoyed a field day on May 29. During physical education class prior to the big day, the students practiced the bean bag race, piggy back ride and two-legged race.

LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

On May 16, more than 2,000 graduating seniors were publicly recognized by state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman for their future commitment to the U.S. military or military academy. These students were presented with a red, white and blue honor cord to wear to their high school graduation. All of these students were once a JROTC cadet at their high schools in South Carolina. Lee Central High School had five cadets that attended the ceremony and plan to enter in the military: Coresha Brunson (Army), Danielle Fulks (National Guard), Tyra Capehart (National Guard), Hadiya Boone (National Guard) and Deangelo McQuillar (National Guard). These students are scheduled to go to basic training this summer after graduation. This is the first time that Lee Central High School's JROTC program has had five cadets/students to represent our school for this event. This is a major accomplishment for these students as they are about to join the military family and support our country. Also, this is an accomplishment for Lee Central High School and Lee County School District, as this shows growth in numbers at these events and that the JROTC program is developing effective leaders who are worthy to be honored. — *Shawnta McKenzie*

CAMPUS CORNER

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

CONWAY — The following local students were among the approximately 1,183 students eligible to walk in Coastal Carolina University's graduation exercises held on campus at the HTC Student Recreation Center and Convocation Center in three separate ceremonies May 4-5: **Brianna Brock from Bishopville**, Bachelor of Arts in Education in Early Childhood Education; **Antigua Clyburn from Sumter**, Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence & National Security Studies; **Breanna Gadson from Sumter**, Bachelor of Science in Psychology; **Kevin Gist from Manning**, Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science; **Jade Graves from Sumter**, Bachelor of Science in Public Health; **Thomas Hart from Sumter**, Bachelor of Science in Marine Science; **Tiana James from Manning**, Bachelor of Science in Biology; **Darryl Keith from Sumter**, Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Sport Management; **Caleb McCalla from Sumter**, Bachelor of Science in Biology; **David McInnis from Sumter**, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts; **Haley Netchaeff from Sumter**, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Marketing; **Grace Surette from Manning**, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; **Brandon Vaughn from Sumter**, Bachelor of Arts in Music; **Shaquelah Walters from Summerton**, Bachelor of Science in Psychology; and **Jasmine Yarbrough from Sumter**, Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

Eighty-one Coastal Carolina University students are graduating from the institution's Honors Program, including **Asiah Thompson from Sumter**, a public health major.

Each academic department at Coastal Carolina University within the five colleges selects one student to win the departmental award each year, and that student is recognized at Honors Convocation, this year held on May 3. Among those students recognized was **David Laws of Sumter**, a biochemistry major.

BELMONT UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE, Tennessee — **Katherine McGregor and Victoria Smith, both of Sumter**, achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University for the spring 2018 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE

NEWBERRY — **Devin Blackwell of Manning** completed an internship in Social and Behavioral Science at the Newberry College Student Affairs Office under the supervision of Michael Smith.

The following local students were named to the spring 2018 dean's list:

Devin Blackwell of Manning; David Bridges of Sumter; Travis Christmas of Sumter; and Kinard Lisbon of Bishopville.

Students who achieve Dean's List honors must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during the semester for which the honor is being given.

of the Sumter ITEM PANORAMA



PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sue Wilkins, director of education at The International Museum of World War II, holds a 1945 newspaper photograph at the museum in Natick, Massachusetts, that shows Fern Corbett, 24, working as a window washer 10 floors above a Minneapolis street during World War II. Corbett worked as her company's stenographer before filling in as a window washer due to the absence of male workers during the war. The photograph is part of a new exhibit called: "Women in WWII: On the Home Fronts and the Battlefronts" that explores the important and unconventional roles women played in every large nation that fought in World War II.

From snipers to mothers World War II exhibit focuses on women

BY SARAH BETANCOURT
Associated Press

NATICK, Mass. — The terrors of World War II impacted most of the world's women, both on the home and battlefronts.

A new exhibition at the International Museum of World War II in Natick, Massachusetts, highlights just that — the important and sometimes unconventional roles women took on during the war.

"It's about the human story," founder Kenneth Rendell explains. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase and honor women's service to the war effort."

"Women in WWII: On the Home Fronts and the Battlefronts" is composed of more than 100 artifacts from the U.S., Soviet Union, Germany, Japan, France and Great Britain.

For many women, wartime was about more than rationing food for their families.

In the Soviet Union, 400,000 women drafted as "Red Army girls" filled roles as doctors and even snipers. One photograph shows paratroopers jumping out of a plane into a war zone, strapped with medical supplies to save wounded soldiers.

Kathryn Bernheim became one of 27 American women chosen by the Army Air Force in 1942 to ferry planes in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Service program. As a civilian with more than 1,000 hours of flight experience, Bernheim flew aircraft like the P-47 Thunderbolt, relieving men for combat flying until politics ended the program in



A World War II Soviet women's camouflaged sniper uniform is displayed with a sniper rifle in an exhibit called "Women in WWII: On the Home Fronts and the Battlefronts" at The International Museum of World War II in Natick, Massachusetts.

1944. The exhibit showcases her flight jacket, dress uniform and a photo of a smiling Bernheim looking at a map.

Not all women had such dramatic roles, but millions across the U.S. served as postal workers, trash collectors and manufacturers, roles previously held by men.

A 1945 photograph shows 24-year-old Fern Corbett "pinch-hitting as a window

washer" 10 floors above a Minneapolis street — a far cry from her original job as the company's stenographer.

Some women could not risk being as visible in their daring new roles. Female members of the French resistance would load forbidden radios and weapons into the secret compartment of a baby carriage, like one showcased in the collection, risking their lives walking

past Nazi occupiers.

Also included in the exhibit is a light green uniform labeled "Lebensborn." The frock was worn by women associated with the Nazi group tasked with raising the birth rate of Aryan children. The women worked at centers that provided free health care to unmarried mothers often impregnated by SS officers. Many children were adopted by other SS members and their families.

The philosophy of women dedicating their bodies and minds to the Third Reich is even more apparent in three swastika-embazoned crosses. Women who bore four to five children received a bronze cross; six to seven a silver. Those who birthed eight or more children received a golden cross from Adolf Hitler.

"The Nazis wanted women to be wives and mothers. You see photos of women doing outdoor tasks in great physical shape — this was not so they could fight, but so they could bear children," says Sue Wilkins, the museum's education director.

Across the English Channel, more than 640,000 British women served in auxiliary services, performing noncombat work such as handling massive searchlights to spot enemy aircraft intent on bombing British cities. Photos of everyday women working in the Royal Naval Service are starkly contrasted with a photo of then-Princess Elizabeth wearing the uniform of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and working under the hood of a car.

The exhibition is on display through Oct. 7.

WEDDING

Smith-Lander



MRS. WILLIAM LANDER

GLENVILLE, North Carolina — Hannah Elizabeth Smith and William Foster Lander, both of Raleigh, North Carolina, were united in marriage at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Sawyer Family Farmstead.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Clay Smith of Sumter and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Floyd Watson, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawrence Prescott and the late Mr. Harold Wilson Smith. She graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She is employed as a project manager by Baldwin&.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapin Lander of Atlanta, and the grandson of Mrs. Malise Foster of Cashiers, North Carolina, and the late Judge David Smith Foster, and Mrs. Patricia Lander of Atlanta and the late Mr. Coy Randolph Lander. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. He is employed as a content strategist by Trimark Digital.

The Rev. Jonathan Edwards officiated.

Music was provided by Karin Lyle, violinist, and Sarah Holley, guitarist.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless organza dress by Essense of Australia with a ruffled bodice and sweetheart neckline, layered on the skirt and train with a handkerchief hem. She wore a floor-length tulle veil. She carried an organic, loosely gathered, hand-tied bouquet with a cascading silk ribbon, featuring fresh local flowers in the shades of ivory, blush, peach and maroon, with peonies, garden roses, antique roses, tea roses, ranunculus, scabiosa and Queen Anne's lace.

Sarah Smith, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Katy Coleman, Tara Gore, Kayla Hanson, Lucy Guttenberger, Kate McHugh and Katharine Batchelor.

Taylor Hall served as best man. Groomsmen were Abram Smith, brother of the bride; Rhodes Adair; Harrison Polk; Wesley Gross; Austin Sandler; and Ross Cooper.

The reception was given by the parents of the bride at Sawyer Family Farmstead.

The rehearsal party was given by the parents of the bridegroom at Cedar Creek Racquet Club.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will reside in Raleigh.

THE PLACE FOR

DIAMONDS

Galloway & Moseley
FINE JEWELERS SINCE 1935

VOTED THE BEST
JEWELRY STORE
IN SUMTER

444 N GUIGNARD
SUMTER
803.775.1209



Can you spot the differences at your NBSC branch?



In the coming weeks, you will see some new things at NBSC. While you may not notice them all right now, banking with us across the Southeast will be easier than ever. There is one difference we think you'll notice right away. Can you spot it in the pictures above?

NBSC is now **SYNOVUS[®]**
the bank of here

ANSWER: It's your banker's nametag, because soon NBSC will become Synovus.

Banking products are provided by Synovus Bank, Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. 

N.G. Osteen 1843-1936
THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON

H.G. Osteen 1870-1955
FOUNDER, THE ITEM

H.D. Osteen 1904-1987
THE ITEM

Margaret W. Osteen 1908-1996
THE ITEM

the
Sumter
ITEM

OPINION

36 W. LIBERTY ST., SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29150 • Founded October 15, 1894

Hubert D. Osteen Jr. CHAIRMAN & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Graham Osteen CO-OWNER

Kyle Osteen CO-OWNER

Jack Osteen CO-OWNER

Vince Johnson PUBLISHER

COMMENTARY

Democrats' dishonesty hands Trump winning issue

WASHINGTON — How evil is MS-13? Last year, two gang members in Texas reportedly murdered a teenage girl as an offering to Satan. According to prosecutors, the gang leader (known as "Diabolico") told the young girl that "the Beast" wanted "a soul" before having his partner shoot her in the head and dump her body on a street corner. As charges were read against the two, the *Houston Chronicle* reported, they "laughed, smiled and waved for the media cameras." MS-13 gang members, police have said, also stabbed a Maryland man more than 100 times before decapitating him and cutting out his heart ... lured a 34-year-old man to his already dug grave ... and stoned an 18-year-old boy to death and dumped his body under a bridge.



Marc Thiessen

MS-13 is a demonic death cult. And President Trump has Nancy Pelosi defending its members' humanity.

When Trump declared at a White House roundtable "You wouldn't believe how bad these people are. These aren't people. These are animals," he was clearly referring to MS-13. But the media and Democrats took the president's quote out of context and declared that he had referred to all illegal immigrants as animals. The Associated Press tweeted that "Trump referred to those crossing U.S. border illegally as 'animals.'" *The New York Times* tweeted, "Trump lashed out at undocumented immigrants during a White House meeting, calling those trying to breach the country's borders 'animals.'" Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) declared, "When all of our great-great-grandparents came to America they weren't 'animals,' and these people aren't either."

By the next morning, news organizations were walking back their stories. The Associated Press announced it had "deleted a tweet from late Wednesday on Trump's 'animals' comment about immigrants because it wasn't made clear that he was speaking after a comment about gang members."

But not Pelosi, the House minority leader. Even after it was clear that Trump was referring to gang members, the California Democrat still claimed the president had called "undocumented immigrants" animals, declaring at a news conference that his remarks were "inhumane" and that "we're all God's children ... Does he not believe in the spark of divinity, the dignity and worth of every person?"

Of course, we are all created in the image and likeness of God. That is true of MS-13 members. It was also true of Osama bin Laden, Pol Pot and Adolf Hitler. But can you imagine Pelosi standing up in outrage to defend their humanity? Referring to evil men as "animals" is a common colloquial expression. The Oxford Dictionary's definition of the word "animal" includes "a person without human attributes or civilizing influences, especially someone who is very cruel, violent or repulsive." It offers, as an example of its proper use: "those men have to be animals — what they did to that boy was savage." Which is exactly how Trump used the word.

To this day, Pelosi has neither retracted her remarks nor admitted she was wrong. So now Trump is giving as good as he got.

"I noticed recently where Democrats, Nancy Pelosi as an example, are trying to defend MS-13 gang members," Trump declared at a Long Island event last week. "I called them animals the other day, and I was met with rebuke. They said, 'they are people.' They are not people. These are animals." At a rally in Nashville this week, he announced to a cheering crowd that Pelosi "loves MS-13," pointing out that "I said they're animals, and she said 'how dare you say that?'" He then asked the crowd, "What was the name?" The crowd responded, "animals!" Expect to hear that refrain at many Trump rallies in the months ahead.

Through their dishonesty, Democrats such as Pelosi have handed the president a winning issue. A Harvard/Harris poll finds that 56 percent of Americans agree with Trump that it is fair to call MS-13 "animals" (including 47 percent of Hispanics and 41 percent of Democrats). Millions of Americans can't understand why Democrats seem more hostile toward Trump than a vicious gang that carries out savage killings.

Is Trump wrong to say Pelosi "loves MS-13"? Sure. But with her deceitful attack, she gave him the pretext to make that claim. There is a lesson here for Democrats: Trump says enough outrageous things that Democrats shouldn't have to make them up. When the president has you defending the "dignity and worth" of MS-13 members, you're doing something wrong.

Follow Marc A. Thiessen on Twitter, @marcthiessen.

© 2018, The Washington Post Writers Group

REMI 2018 THE STATE



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

IT'S REASSURING THAT SOME PARENTS TEACH CHILDREN TO BE RESPECTFUL

As a military veteran, hardly a day goes by that some thoughtful citizen doesn't express their gratitude to me for my small contribution to the nation's security. Makes me proud of the 20 years I served and proud to be an American.

As I was departing a dining establishment on Broad Street, Sumter, on May 30 I heard a lady's voice from behind me say,

"Mister." I looked back over my shoulder and saw a young lady and a little girl. Not realizing they were speaking to me, I turned and started to walk away, when once again I heard her say, "mister." I turned to notice the young lady pointing toward the little girl who appeared to be about four or five years old walking toward me. She stopped a couple of feet

from to me, looked up at me and humbly said, "Thank you for your service."

It is reassuring to see that there are still some young parents who are teaching their children to be respectful; gives me hope that our country might still be a great country.

FRANKLIN P. PARKER
Sumter

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE ISLAND PACKET

May 27

Supreme Court ruling on who's subject to FOIA

South Carolina citizens took it on the chin May 23.

The state Supreme Court made it much harder, if not impossible, for citizens to follow millions of dollars of public money.

It ruled that the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce is not subject to the state Freedom of Information Act. That is unfortunate because the chamber receives approximately \$1.5 million annually from the Town of Hilton Head Island as its official tourism marketing agency.

Statewide, tens of millions of public dollars are now shielded from the direct public oversight granted by the FOIA.

The FOIA is the citizens' greatest tool to hold public officials accountable and pierce the wall of secrecy so many public bodies build around themselves. To see this authority that has been carefully placed in the hands of the people being chipped away at is demoralizing.

This case started years ago when a citizen was denied information sought under the FOIA. Chamber antagonist C.C. "Skip" Hoagland then turned to the courts. A lower court ruled in favor of his *DomainsNewMedia.com*, saying the Chamber was a public body.

But recently, Supreme Court Justice John W. Kittredge wrote for the 4-1 court majority: "While the Chamber technically expends public funds, we are firmly persuaded that the General Assembly did not intend the Chamber to be considered a public body for FOIA purposes based upon its receipt and expenditure of accommodation tax funds."

The legislative intent seems crystal clear to us. The FOIA says a public body is "... any organization, corporation or agency supported in whole or in part by public funds or expending public funds ..."

The high court ruled that this is not enough to be considered a public body. It pointed to the law that enabled the state accommodations tax on overnight lodging, which is the source of the marketing dollars that go to the Chamber. The court said that law, not the FOIA, protects the public's right to know how those millions of dollars are spent.

A greater burden now falls to the Town of Hilton Head Island — and all local governments allocating tax dollars to private entities — to protect the public's right to know.

That's not very encouraging, if recent history is any indication. When Hilton Head Mayor David Bennett was new to office, he tried to get much greater town oversight and involvement in the Chamber's tourism marketing. He ran into a buzz saw of opposition. He wanted a new contractual arrangement. In the end, a five-year contract was narrowly approved by Town Council, but it was over Bennett's objection because he did not think it went far enough to assure transparency and accountability.

One suggestion that was rejected during that 2015 public discussion was for the town contract to specify that the Chamber would be subject to the FOIA.

The town's Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee now must roll up its sleeves and dig deeper, demanding the public display of specific financial information from any organization that wants it to

approve a penny of public money.

The Supreme Court's unfortunate ruling touts this body as one of the guarantees of public oversight written into the accommodations tax law. These advisory committees make spending recommendations to Town Council or County Council. Now all those public bodies must push harder for a public that is being told it has no right to ask questions for itself.

It is a shame to see this direct access sidestepped or watered down. The public needs new advocates.

THE POST AND COURIER

May 26

Aging voting machines should be replaced

The General Assembly recently turned down a request from the State Election Commission and Gov. Henry McMaster to expedite the replacement of the state's aging voting machines, providing only \$4 million of a \$20 million request to get going on a project expected to cost about \$50 million over two years. With heightened concerns over election tampering, lawmakers should reconsider their decision as soon as possible.

Even if all of the funding was provided next year, the earliest South Carolina voters would have access to the new machines that produce a paper trail of their votes would be the November 2020 general election. The state is unlikely to have the new machines in time for the 2020 presidential primaries or other contests held before that time.

That's the prediction Chris Whitmire of the State Election Commission recently gave to *The Post and Courier*. The Election Commission says the existing system, which does not provide an auditable paper trail, is nevertheless secure from tampering over the internet. Not that some people do not try. The Election Commission reported that 149,832 unauthorized attempts were made to access the South Carolina voter registration system on Election Day in 2016, at least some of which were likely malicious in nature. (Others may have been innocent mistakes, by elections officials for example.)

The problem is that the security of the votes we cast in South Carolina is nevertheless below the level recommended in the latest best practices issued in response to Russian attempts to hack into election databases and technology in at least 21 states during the 2016 election cycle. Most notably, South Carolina is one of only five states where voting machines do not provide a backup paper trail of the vote.

The Senate Intelligence Committee recently released a report on the security of the nation's election systems, which are and should remain the responsibility of state governments.

The Intelligence Committee predicted that Russian efforts to compromise state election systems can be expected again this year and in 2020. It recommended that the federal government improve its efforts to monitor attempted attacks and take earlier action than in 2016 to alert state authorities of suspected hacking attempts.

The report found that hackers linked to Russia succeeded in accessing the Illinois voter registration files but made no changes. It also found that a number of other states had voter files that could have been hacked. But it found no evidence that any votes were changed.

To minimize the risks of further attacks on state elections systems, committee recommendations included that voting machines produce a paper trail and be incapable of connection to the internet directly or via Wi-Fi.

CAMPUS CORNER

THE CITADEL

CHARLESTON — **Mary Patton of Sumter** graduated from The Citadel during The Citadel Graduate College's commencement ceremony on May 5. Patton received an Educational Specialist in School Psychology degree.

Approximately 500 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets accepted diplomas during The Citadel's commencement ceremony on May 5.

The following local students were among the graduating class:

Drew Edwards of Summerton received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; **John Shaddrick of Sumter** received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice; **Miles Cox of Sumter** received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; **Devin Singleton of Shaw Air Force Base** received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting; **Cameron Joyner of Sumter** received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; **William Kinney of Sumter** received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; **Charles Walker of Manning** received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and **Greyson Haynes of Sumter** received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

Tierra Price of Bishopville was one of 13 Citadel cadets initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, on May 3.

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded on Dec. 3, 1914, on the campus of Washington and Lee University. The society was founded by a group of 15 students and faculty who thought that leadership at the collegiate level should be recognized and encouraged across all phases of campus life. This general principle — that scholarship alone couldn't predict success, and that other intrinsic qualities had value too — became known as the Omicron Delta Kappa idea.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

SPARTANBURG — **Alyssa Lennard of Sumter** was one of 65 students inducted into the Mu

Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

BOILING SPRINGS, North Carolina — **Charles Dallery of Sumter** earned a place on the spring 2018 Dean's List. The Dean's List is composed of undergraduate college students with a grade-point average of 4.0 if enrolled for 12-14 hours and 3.7 if enrolled for 15 or more hours with no grade lower than a C.

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

CLARKSVILLE, Tennessee — Austin Peay State University is proud to recognize **Alexis Payne from Sumter** as one of more than 2,100 students named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2018 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater. Austin Peay State University congratulates **Jason Woodbury of Manning** on being awarded the Presidential Scholarship for high-achieving freshmen for the summer or fall 2018 semester. Jason was also awarded the Provost's Out-of-State Scholarship for the summer or fall 2018 semester.

The Provost's Out-of-State Scholarships are for freshmen students who live greater than 250 miles from campus and have a 3.0+ GPA and 21+ ACT or 1060+ SAT.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE

NEWBERRY — **Kinard Lisbon of Bishopville** and six other Newberry players have been inducted into the prestigious Hampshire Honor Society by the National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame, helping the organization set an all-time record with 1,251 players from a record-tying 302 colleges from across all divisions of the NCAA and NAIA.

The Newberry players selected for induction are Sam Hall, Will Holbrook, Kinard Lisbon, Dakota Mazingo, Josh Parker, Josh Spigner and Christian Tejada.

The group was responsible

for several major academic awards during their playing careers. Hall became the first Newberry student-athlete in any sport to be named a First Team Academic All-American during multiple seasons and earned the inaugural South Atlantic Conference Elite 18 award in 2017. Mazingo was named SAC Scholar-Athlete in December. Spigner joined Hall on the Academic All-District team this year.

To be eligible for induction, student-athletes must have completed their final year of playing eligibility in 2017, achieved a 3.2 cumulative GPA and met all NCAA- or NAIA-mandated progress toward degree requirements. The following area students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Newberry: **Devin Blackwell of Manning**; **David Bridges of Sumter**; **Travis Christmas of Sumter**; and **Kinard Lisbon of Bishopville**.

The Dean's List is an academic honor awarded to students who achieved a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

EMORY, Virginia — **Tyra Pugh of Manning** graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the Emory & Henry College School of Health Sciences during the May 5 commencement exercises in the McGlothlin Center for the Arts on the campus of Emory & Henry College.

OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio — The following local students graduated from Ohio Christian University: **Brenda Kelly-Pressley of Bishopville** with a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership & Ministry;

Pastoral Ministry; and **Jenna Martin of Dalzell** with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Martin is a member of the Pinnacle Honor Society.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON — The following local residents graduated from Clemson University in spring 2018 commencement ceremonies on May 10 and 11:

Joseph-Caine S. Player of Bishopville with a Bachelor of Arts in English; **Sarah G. Jarecki of Dalzell** with a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; **Mitchell R. Gardner III of Manning** with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education; **Bennett C. Harrelson of Rembert** cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Environmental Sciences; **Aaron Bradley Crandall of Summerton** with a Bachelor of Arts in English; **Kristina R. Poston of Summerton** with a Master of Science in Historic Preservation; **Leanne M. Amick of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication; **Ashleigh Watson Collins of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; **Curtis-Lynne Edens of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education; **Jeremy Neil Edwards of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Financial Management; **Emma M. Frank of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry; **James A. Goodson IV of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences; **Harris E. Jordan of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Sciences; **Allison Elizabeth Kay of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; **Mary K. Killen of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition; **Ian Michael Lovice of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Biosys-

tems Engineering; **Andrew Scott McDuffie of Sumter** with a Master of Science in Athletic Leadership; **Jane E. Segars of Sumter** with a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; **Hannah E. Voisin of Sumter** cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Language and International Health; **John R. Byrd II of Turbeville** with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Mechanization and Business; **Hanna Blake Driggers of Turbeville** with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology; and **Caroline Elizabeth Weaver of Turbeville** with a Master of Business Administration in Business Administration.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

CLINTON — Presbyterian College is proud to recognize **Ms. Julia Alena Law and Ms. Sierra Deloren Steele, both of Sumter**, for making the Dean's List during the spring 2018 semester. The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned between a 3.3 and a 3.9 grade-point average.

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania — Local residents were among nearly 600 master's and doctoral degree recipients at its graduate commencement ceremony on May 26 in the Byron Recreation Complex. Graduates recognized at the ceremony include those who completed their degree requirements in August and December of 2017, as well as January and May of 2018.

Students earning master's and doctoral degrees include: **Amanda J. Hunter of Dalzell** earned a Master of Science with a major in Educational Administration; **Shirlin R. Ragin of Sumter** earned a Master of Science with a major in Educational Administration.



Timothy L. Griffith

Attorney at Law

803-607-9087

www.tlgriffith.com

FAMILY LAW • CRIMINAL LAW • CIVIL • BUSINESS

Divorce, Custody, Visitation, Civil & Injury, Contract Disputes
Attorney TL Griffith

DUI, DUS, Drug Charges
State & Federal Courts
360 W. Wesmark
Sumter, SC

STOCK YOUR POND

Fish Day Event - Sumter

Palmetto Farm Supply
June 21st at 10:00

Catfish, Carp, Bass, Tilapia, Minnows

Call to Preorder Your Fish

SOUTHLAND FISHERIES CORP.
Hopkins, SC 803-776-4923

Time to Vote
County Council District 2

Hazel Evenich

Honest, Respectable and Accountable.

Will help make Sumter, SC a great place to live and work.

PAID FOR BY HAZEL EVENICH

Let's Dance!

Register Now for Summer & Fall Classes

We will have 2 **FUN FILLED** SUMMER CAMPS

Princess Camp Ages 3-5
Junior Camp Ages 6-11

June 11-15 & July 9-13
9:30 - 12:00

Students will learn Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Gymnastics. There will be a performance on the last day of camp. The students will choreograph their own dances for our show at the end of the week. **Cost is \$90 per camp or \$160 for both camps.**

Summer Intensives

Wednesdays and Thursdays
June 12- July 19
Pre School Combination,
Tap/Ballet Combination, Jazz/Hip Hop
Gymnastics, Classical Ballet

FREED SCHOOL

of Performing Arts
Established 1955



527 N. Guignard Drive
Sumter, SC
803.773.2847
freedschool.com
freedschool@hotmail.com



Dotte Watts

Shopping around for car insurance?

Auto-Owners Insurance offers broad, flexible protection for your car and you! Choose from a variety of programs designed to fit your needs. We also have many discounts available such as multi-policy, multi-car and good student discount.

Call or visit us today!

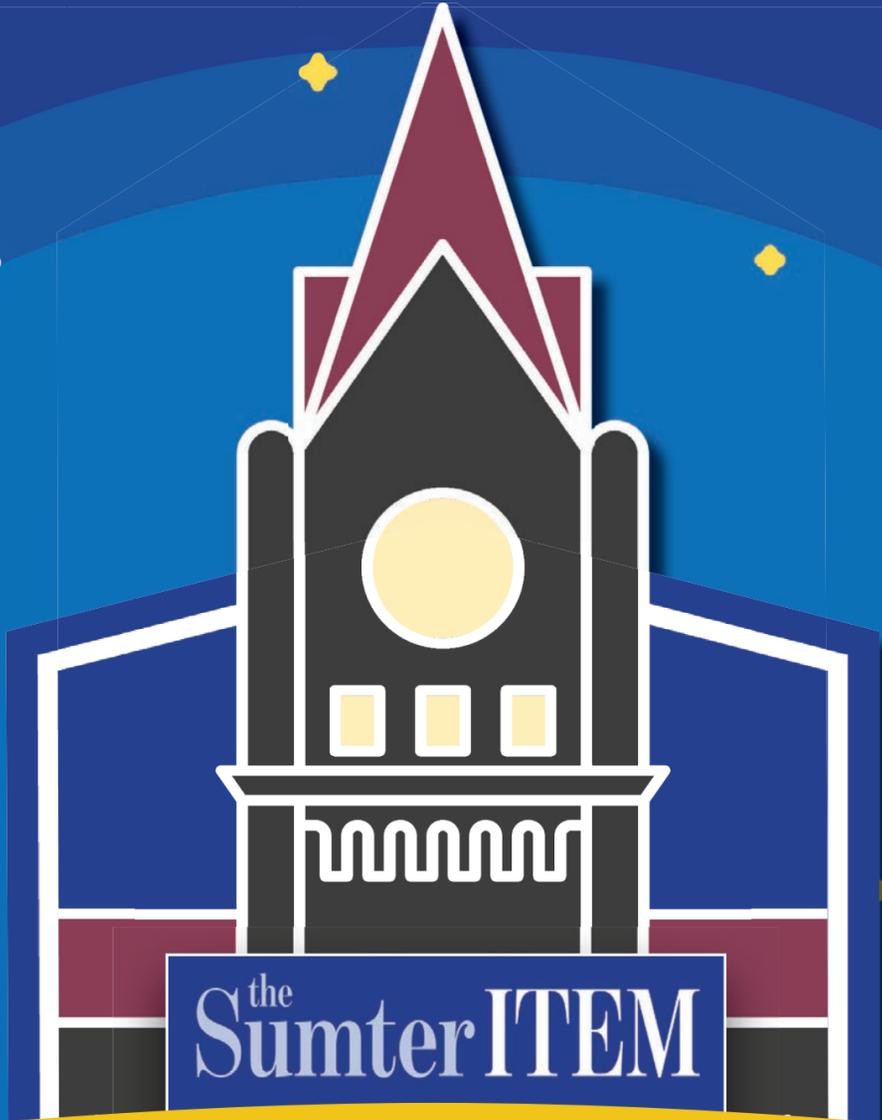
BYNUM
INSURANCE

an AssuredPartners Agency

1170 Wilson Hall Road
Sumter, S.C. 29150
469-3030
bynuminsurance.com

Auto-Owners
INSURANCE

LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS



BEST OF SUMTER

2018

**THE RED CARPET
EVENT**

**6.5.18 AT 5:30PM
LA PIAZZA ON MAIN STREET**

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit TheItem.com/Tickets.

presented by:



UNIVERSITY OF
**SOUTH
CAROLINA**
SUMTER

JJ HARDEE

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN

"From Concept to Completion"

Dixie Products

"The Truck & SUV Specialists"

FYI

Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice is in need of volunteers. A volunteer application can be found online at www.palmettohealth.org/giving/volunteer-programs/homecare-and-hospicevolunteers.

Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers to help make wishes come true for children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SANTEE-LYNCHES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, noon, Central Carolina Technical College Advance Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St.

CLARENDON COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE Tuesday, 10 a.m., County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

SUMTER COUNTY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, 4 p.m., USC Sumter, University Drive

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING Monday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Sheriff's Office conference room

BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION Wednesday, 4 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Taking part in events that interest you or

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Change the way you deal with others. Stop being controlled and start making decisions that are better suited to the results you are trying to achieve.

that have to do with your vocation will lead to an interesting discussion. The information you gather will help point you in a new direction that indicates promising financial gains.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll face opposition when dealing with domestic matters. If you want to make changes, it is best to approach the people you need approval from with incentives, not demands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gauge how much is involved and what it's going to cost before signing up for something questionable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attending a reunion, retreat or family gathering will lead to information that will help you make decisions about your future and the best route to take.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out online job sites and consider how best to use your skills. A change will motivate you to engage in activities or events you've only thought about in the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An aggressive approach to health, diet and fitness will get you moving in the right direction. Added discipline will help you reach your personal goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend more time massaging an important relationship. Find out where you stand and how best to move forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Settle in and stabilize your life. Don't let what others propose lead to spending on items, people or projects you really cannot afford.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Concentrate on what you want to achieve. Refuse to let anyone entice you to veer off in a direction that isn't going to help you get things done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of attitude will help you make a decision that will alter your personal life and your relationship with a friend, youngster or an older relative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen, but don't believe everything you hear. Someone will use unorthodox methods to get you to do things. Don't hesitate to say no or to reveal what's being asked of you to someone you trust or the authorities.

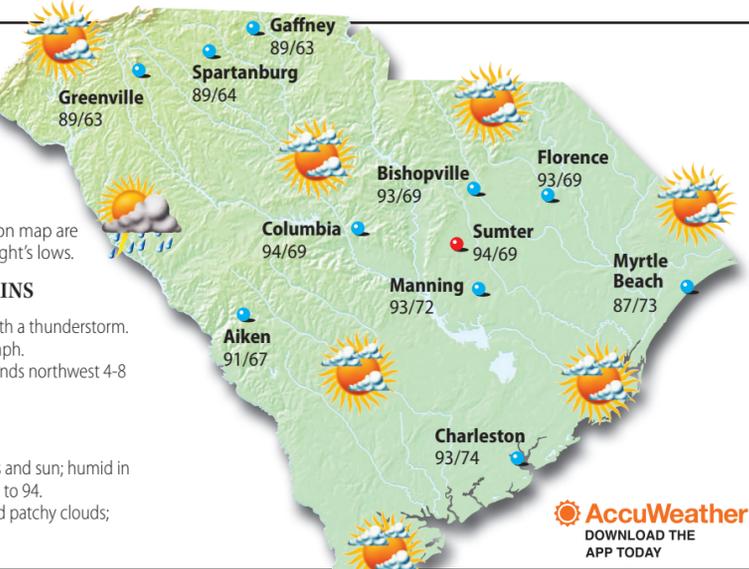
WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes icons, temperature, chance of rain, and wind speed.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows. IN THE MOUNTAINS Today: Partly sunny with a thunderstorm. ON THE COAST Today: Times of clouds and sun; humid in northern parts.



LOCAL ALMANAC

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes high/low, normal, and record values.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with 4 columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists Murray, Marion, Moultrie, Wateree lakes.

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for June 6, 13, 20, 28.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists Black River, Congaree River, etc.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, and times for AT MYRTLE BEACH.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists Asheville, Athens, Augusta, etc.

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists Florence, Gainesville, Gastonia, etc.

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists Marion, Mt. Pleasant, Orangeburg, etc.

Advertisement for 'We have a NOSE for NEWS' featuring a cartoon dog detective and 'the Sumter ITEM' logo.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'GOING BIG: Whether you're going home or not By S.N.', 'ACROSS', and 'DOWN'.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2018 STANLEY NEWMAN', 'WWW.STANXWORDS.COM', and '6/3/18'.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers for SATURDAY'S ANSWERS.

SUDOKU

9x9 grid for SUDOKU puzzle.

JUMBLE

PATIO DOUBT RIPPLE TWELVE Upon retirement, they built a mountaintop dream home and — LIVED IT UP

haps 40 Contract directive 41 François' farewell 43 Cooper protagonist 44 Sit on one's hands 45 Brewpub designation 46 Dewey, to Donald 48 Cake near a sink 52 OPEC commodity 53 Hang loose 54 Source for shrimp 58 Strand at a chalet 60 Anteaters' noses 62 Naval weapon 63 Vacuum for instance 64 Six-sided fasteners 67 E-file agcy. 68 Farm female 69 Certain can openers 72 Sci-fi pioneer 78 Career soldiers 80 Director Lee 81 Defender's preparation 83 Fashionable group 84 Ovens in Indian cuisine 85 Sandwich spread 86 Measure of force 88 Cut back on 89 Gym surface 91 Group of ancient Greeks 92 "Magnificent" 93 Treated too gently 96 Something small 99 Fernando's "fried" 100 Source of fables 101 Pasta suffix 102 The Two Fridas artist 104 Overfill 105 Stepped on 107 "Amscrap!" 108 WWII milestone 109 Bear seen by stargazers 110 Must obtain 111 Winds up 113 Watercourse, in brief 114 X or Y pre-ceder Per TV chef Jamie Oliver, BREAD (28 Across) is designated "artisanal" on the basis of the care, expertise and quality of ingredients utilized in its preparation. Ringo Starr (56 Across) was appointed a Knight Bachelor on Queen Elizabeth II's 2018 New Year Honours list. Arthur Conan Doyle's A Study in Scarlet was the first fictional work to incorporate the MAGNIFYING GLASS (90 Across) as an investigative tool.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Bobby Crisp rounds third base on his way to score on an RBI single by pinch hitter Daulton Dabbs during the P-15's 5-2 victory over Orangeburg Post 4 on Friday at Riley Park.

Sumter moves to 2-0 with 5-2 victory over Orangeburg

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
trevor@theitem.com

The Sumter P-15's American Legion senior baseball team moved to 2-0 on the season Friday night with a 5-2 victory over visiting Post 4 from Orangeburg.

The P-15's starting pitcher Hunter Chandler was on a 60-pitch limit Friday night, but got through five innings with only 56, scattering 4 hits and issu-

ing one walk in notching the win, and had solid defense behind him as Sumter built a 3-0 lead on Orangeburg starter Hanks Avinger, who pitched only 2 2/3 innings before giving way to Austin Sandifer after issuing a walk to Sumter designated hitter Daniel Twitty in the third.

"We played well defensively for six innings, but didn't play so well there in the seventh," said P-15's head coach Curtis Johnson. "We made a couple of

errors there, but overall we played pretty well. (Hunter) Chandler gave us a good outing tonight. We had him on a 60-pitch limit, and he went a long way on 56, so that was good. Rylan (Williamson) came in there and pitched a couple of good innings - if we don't make those errors behind him, he probably gets out of the inning."

SEE P-15'S, PAGE B6

NBA PLAYOFFS

Warriors not expecting Cavaliers to lose edge

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — All the chatter is that underdog Cleveland could be completely deflated from the way it flopped in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. Determined and as motivated as ever might be more appropriate and fitting whenever LeBron James is in the mix.

"It's one of the toughest losses I've had in my career," James acknowledged Saturday, "because of everything that kind of went on with the game and the way we played. Obviously, we all know what happened in the game."

There were miscues aplenty, most notably J.R. Smith's offensive rebound in the final seconds of regulation that he dribbled back toward half-court in a tie game rather than shooting for a



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland forward LeBron James, left, drives against Golden State guard Stephen Curry during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA Finals in Oakland, California, on Thursday. Game 2 is tonight.

SEE NBA, PAGE B4

KEEPING UP

Former Lakewood standout kicker back with Jacksonville Sharks

BY BARBARA BOXLEITNER
Special to The Sumter Item

Kicker Nick Belcher has returned to action for the Jacksonville Sharks of the National Arena League.

The Lakewood High School graduate played two games, then missed four consecutive because he was serving a suspension effective April 19.

The 27-year-old was activated on May 17 and started for the first time this season on May 19. In that win he kicked four extra points, but missed one field goal attempt and three ex-



BELCHER

tra-point tries. Belcher averaged 51.8 yards on eight kickoffs.

In a May 26 victory, he converted five of seven extra points and averaged 45.8 yards on eight kickoffs. He missed his lone field goal attempt.

BASEBALL

Outfielder Travis Witherspoon hit .235 in 23 games for the York Revolution of the independent Atlantic League. The Sumter High graduate had one home run and six runs batted in.

Past Gamecock Tee Dubose batted .308 in 30 games for Francis Marion University. The senior had two home runs and 18 RBI.

Francis Marion junior Steven Cox started 43 of the 44 games he played. The East Clarendon High product batted .239 with one home run and 14 RBIs.

Also from the Wolverines, USC Aiken pitcher William Ard had a 1-1 record and 4.60 earned run average in 14 appearances.

Saint Augustine's University junior Jamal Keels hit .247 in 28 starts. Out of Manning High, he had 16 RBI and eight stolen bases in nine attempts.

MEN'S GOLF

Dalton Ward shot 280 (71-66-73-70) to finish fifth at the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada USA East No. 1

Qualifier. The former SHS Gamecock earned an exemption into the first eight tournaments on the schedule.

Sumter alumnus Cody Clepper and Peyton Shore lost in the quarter-finals of the South Carolina Golf Association Four-Ball Championship in Clinton.

SOFTBALL

Pitcher Brooklyn Fort had a 1-1 record, one save and 1.91 earned run average in five outings for North Greenville University. The sophomore is out of East Clarendon High.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.

NCAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

State teams open regionals with victories

FROM STAFF REPORTS

South Carolina, Clemson and Coastal Carolina each won their first-round games in their respective NCAA baseball tournament regionals on Friday, but their winners bracket games on Saturday were not completed as of press time.

The Gamecocks were facing East Carolina in the Greenville, N.C., Regional on Saturday, while Clemson was playing Vanderbilt in the Clemson regional and the Chant-

cleers were facing Washington in the Conway regional.

Both Clemson and USC had the start of their games delayed by weather during the first games of the day.

On Friday in Greenville, Carolina pushed ahead with five runs in the seventh inning to beat Ohio State 8-3.

The second-seeded Gamecocks, who improved to 34-24 trailed 2-0 before the big inning, which included Danny Blair's 3-run home run. Justin Row followed with a 2-run single in the 6-hit inning that pushed South Carolina to a 5-2 lead.

The Gamecocks added three runs in the eighth and finished with 14 hits.

Eddy Demurias (7-0) earned the win, allowing four hits and a run in three innings.

Dillon Dinger hit a solo homer and drove in two runs for the third-seeded Buckeyes (36-23), who had nine hits.

Seth Kinker (6-2) took the loss, allowing five runs and six hits in an inning.

On Friday in Clemson, Jordan Greene's 10th-inning RBI single scored Drew Wharton with the winning run as top-seeded host Clemson escaped No. 4 seed Morehead State 4-3.

For much of this one, it looked like 46-14 Clemson might have to play in the losers bracket, down 3-1 in the sixth before tying it up on run-scoring hits by designated hitter and former University of South Carolina Sumter standout Justin Hawkins and catcher Kyle Wilkie. Things stayed tied until the 10th when Wharton singled to right, was sacrificed to second then came home on Greene's hit through the right side of the infield.

Clemson's fifth pitcher, Ryley Gilliam (3-3), got the final two outs of the game to earn the win.

SEE NCAA, PAGE B5

AUTO RACING

Busch has few mountains left to climb in NASCAR career

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kyle Busch spent the week in New York City with his family, hitting the town and taking in the sights like any other tourist. His wife wore a Yankees cap as they caught a baseball game and the couple attended a theater production of "Sleep No More."

The outings seemed fitting: Busch is enjoying his time leading the points standing while he gives the rest of the field a few restless nights.

Busch and Kevin Harvick have turned NASCAR into a two-driver show — they've won nine of 13 races — and the rest of the drivers are simply playing catch-up to the former champions.

The 33-year-old Busch, the 2015 Cup champ, is on course for a career year.

His four wins are four shy of matching his career best in 2008, he has three poles and eight top-five finishes, and he has racked up so many play-off points (25) that he could seemingly waltz into Homestead in the season finale and race for the title.

The Joe Gibbs Racing star is coming off a sensational effort in the No. 18 Toyota at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He won the pole for the Coca-Cola 600, won all four stages, led 377 of 400 laps and became the only driver in NASCAR's



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyle Busch drives through the garage area during practice for Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race on Saturday in Long Pond, Pennsylvania.

modern era to win a points race on every track on the schedule.

Busch won the second Pocono race last season and then romped at Charlotte and took the last two winless tracks off his resume.

"It's just something that has never been done, and it's hard to find things that have never been done in this sport," Busch said. "It's been around for a long, long time. So it's very meaningful and special and something that I've kind of strived for."

Busch has been special in the sport since he won two races driving for Rick Hendrick in 2005 and has at least one victory every season of his career, including at least

four each from 2015 to the present.

He won Saturday's Xfinity race at Pocono and has 189 wins across NASCAR's three national series (Cup, second-tier Xfinity and Trucks), which puts him 11 shy of matching Richard Petty for the overall record.

Petty, of course, won all 200 races in the Cup series and the countdown to The King has irked traditionalists who believe the two drivers should barely be mentioned in the same sentence. Busch's 47 Cup wins, while impressive in any era and 15th on the career list, can't catch Petty and 200 will remain NASCAR's Holy Grail.

What's not in dispute is Busch's milestone of winning

at every active Cup track. NASCAR returns in September to Charlotte, where the series for the first time will race on the track's road course. Some of Busch's critics — of which he has plenty because of a career pockmarked with boorish behavior — believe the track record won't count until he wins on the new layout.

"Everybody wants to make my life more difficult, so I'm sure that I won't be credited for all the racetracks once the Royal gets here," he said.

But the track name is the track name and the mark stands, no matter the result.

"I think everybody just around the sport really appreciates how hard that is," team owner Joe Gibbs said. "For him to do that, particularly Kyle is young, and for him to be able to get that done at this age I think is special. I think everybody around the sport really appreciates it."

There's still one checkered flag left to grab.

Busch is 0 for 13 in the Daytona 500.

"It's about the Daytona 500 and trying to get that one," he said. "It took another guy that's very, very popular 20 years to get it done, so I'd like to think it won't take me that long, although I'm creeping up on that number. We'll see how soon we can get that one accomplished."

Dale Earnhardt had achieved about all there was to do in

NASCAR by 1998, including a record-tying seven Cup Series championships. Winning the Daytona 500 was the only milestone that eluded Earnhardt over the first two decades of his career, until he broke through and won in 1998.

Busch has "The Great American Race" in his sight.

Busch missed the 2015 race after he crashed into a concrete wall the day before the Daytona 500 and broke his right leg and left foot. Busch withstood multiple surgeries, went through a grueling rehabilitation program and missed only 11 races. He got back in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota in late May, and NASCAR granted him a waiver to race for the title. He won the season finale at Homestead to win his first Cup championship.

He starts fifth Sunday at Pocono Raceway and topped the speed chart in practice on Friday and Saturday.

"It's me against the world.

It's me against everybody else," Busch said. "Sometimes you're against your critics, as well, that you have to deal with, and I think all of us have those. It seems as though those voices have gotten louder over the last few years."

Busch has started to win favor from the fans and even celebrated in the stands after a win at Richmond. As the achievements pile up so too, even if begrudgingly, has the respect.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Paris (TENNIS).

6:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Italian Open Final Round from Brescia, Italy (GOLF).

Noon — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Paris (WIS 10).

Noon — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN2).

Noon — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).

Noon — PGA Golf: Memorial Tournament Final Round from Dublin, Ohio (GOLF).

Noon — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (SEC NETWORK).

1 p.m. — College Softball: Women's College World Series Game 11 from Oklahoma City (ESPN).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets (MLB NETWORK).

1:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

2 p.m. — LPGA Golf: U.S. Women's Open Final Round from Shoal Creek, Ala. (WACH 57).

2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pocono 400 from Long Pond, Pa. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).

2:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: Memorial Tournament Final Round from Dublin, Ohio (WLTX 19).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN2).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).

3 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (SEC NETWORK).

3:30 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Dual in Detroit from Detroit — Dual 2 (WOL 25).

3:30 p.m. — College Softball: Women's College World Series Game 12 from Oklahoma City (ESPN).

6 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).

6 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (SEC NETWORK).

7 p.m. — College Softball: Women's College World Series Game 13 from Oklahoma City (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston at Houston (ESPN).

8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Finals Game 2 — Cleveland at Golden State (WOL 25).

8:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Minnesota at Kansas City (FOX SPORTS 1).

9 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).

9 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (SEC NETWORK).

9:30 p.m. — College Softball: Women's College World Series Game 14 from Oklahoma City (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

MONDAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Paris (TENNIS).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Paris (TENNIS).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Detroit Doubleheader Game 1 (MLB NETWORK).

4 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

4 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN).

6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

7 p.m. — College Softball: Women's College World Series Finals Game 1 from Oklahoma City (ESPN).

7 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

7 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN).

7 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (SEC NETWORK).

8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Stanley Cup Final Match 4 — Vegas at Washington (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona at San Francisco (ESPN).

10 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

10 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (If Necessary) (ESPN).

10 p.m. — Professional Golf: U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying Show (FOX SPORTS 1).

10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at San Diego (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	36	17	.679	—
Boston	39	19	.672	—
Tampa Bay	28	28	.500	9½
Toronto	25	33	.431	13½
Baltimore	17	40	.298	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	26	.536	—
Detroit	28	30	.484	3
Minnesota	23	30	.433	5½
Kansas City	21	37	.362	10
Chicago	17	38	.309	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	37	22	.627	—
Seattle	35	22	.614	1
Los Angeles	31	27	.534	5½
Oakland	30	29	.508	7
Texas	24	36	.400	13½

	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	4	0	1.000	—
Detroit	5	1	.833	—
Chicago White Sox	8	1	.889	—
Houston	7	2	.778	—
Minnesota	7	2	.778	—
Oakland	6	2	.750	—
L.A. Angels	6	2	.750	—
Seattle	4	3	.571	—
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500	—

FRIDAY

N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 1
Detroit 5, Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Milwaukee 3
Houston 7, Boston 3
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 4
Oakland 16, Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 6, Texas 0
Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3, 13 innings

SATURDAY

Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Kansas City 5, Oakland 4
Detroit 7, Toronto 4
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 7:15 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

N.Y. Yankees (German 0-3) at Baltimore (Cobb 1-7), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 2-5) at Detroit (Fulmer 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Clevinger 4-2) at Minnesota (Gibson 1-3), 2:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suter 5-3) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gossett 0-3) at Kansas City (Junis 5-4), 2:15 p.m.
Texas (Fister 1-5) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 3-4), 4:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 7-3) at Seattle (Hernandez 5-4), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 7-2) at Houston (Morton 7-0), 7:35 p.m.

MONDAY

N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 1:10 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	34	23	.596	—
Washington	32	24	.571	1½
Philadelphia	31	24	.564	2
New York	27	28	.491	6
Miami	20	37	.351	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	22	.627	—
Chicago	31	23	.574	3½
St. Louis	31	25	.554	4½
Pittsburgh	30	28	.517	6½
Cincinnati	21	37	.362	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	30	27	.526	—
Arizona	29	27	.518	½
Los Angeles	27	30	.474	3
San Francisco	27	30	.474	3
San Diego	25	34	.424	6

FRIDAY

Chicago Cubs 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Atlanta 4, Washington 0
Chicago White Sox 8, Milwaukee 3
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 0
L.A. Dodgers 11, Colorado 8
Arizona 9, Miami 1
Cincinnati 7, San Diego 2
San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 0

SATURDAY

Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 0
St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2
Washington at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

Chicago Cubs (Lester 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Washington (Hellickson 2-0) at Atlanta (Sanchez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suter 5-3) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Kingham 2-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 6-1), 2:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 1-4) at Colorado (Bettis 4-1), 3:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 5-2) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Strailey 2-1) at Arizona (Koch 3-3), 4:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 4-5) at San Diego (Ross 4-3), 6:10 p.m.

MONDAY

Arizona at San Francisco, 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING_Betts, Boston, .359; Castellanos, Detroit, .339; Simmons, Los Angeles, .335; Segura, Seattle, .335; Altuve, Houston, .332; Brantley, Cleveland, .332; Machado, Baltimore, .329; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .319; Martinez, Boston, .318; Rosario, Minnesota, .308.
RUNS_Betts, Boston, 52; Trout, Los Angeles, 48; Lindor, Cleveland, 44; Springer, Houston, 44; Judge, New York, 42; Segura, Seattle, 42; Ramirez, Cleveland, 41; Gardner, New York, 38; Benintendi, Boston, 37; Martinez, Boston, 37.

RBI_Martinez, Boston, 48; Machado, Baltimore, 46; Haniger, Seattle, 42; Judge, New York, 41; Lowrie, Oakland, 41; Ramirez, Cleveland, 41; Davis, Oakland, 40; Correa, Houston, 39; Moustakas, Kansas City, 39; Benintendi, Boston, 38.

HITS_Altuve, Houston, 80; Segura, Seattle, 77; Castellanos, Detroit, 74; Machado, Baltimore, 73; Lindor, Cleveland, 71; Simmons, Los Angeles, 70; Jay, Kansas City, 69; Lowrie, Oakland, 68; Martinez, Boston, 67; Springer, Houston, 67.

DOUBLES_Abreu, Chicago, 20; Pillar, Toronto, 20; Betts, Boston, 19; Escobar, Minnesota, 19; Lindor, Cleveland, 19; Bregman, Houston, 18; Castellanos, Detroit, 18; Ramirez, Cleveland, 18; 4 tied at 17.

TRIPLES_Sanchez, Chicago, 6; Benintendi, Boston, 5; Hernandez, Toronto, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; 7 tied at 3.
HOME RUNS_Martinez, Boston, 19; Ramirez, Cleveland, 18; Trout, Los Angeles, 18; Betts, Boston, 17; Machado, Baltimore, 17; Judge, New York, 16; Gallo, Texas, 15; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 14; Lindor, Cleveland, 14; 2 tied at 13.

STOLEN BASES_Gordon, Seattle, 16; Betts, Boston, 13; Anderson, Chicago, 12; Merrifield, Kansas City, 12; Segura, Seattle, 12; Trout, Los Angeles, 12; Smith, Tampa Bay, 11; DeShields, Texas, 10; 3 tied at 9.
PITCHING_Kluber, Cleveland, 8-2; Severino, New York, 8-1; Happ, Toronto, 7-3; McCullers, Houston, 7-3; Morton, Houston, 7-0; Porcello, Boston, 7-2; Snell, Tampa Bay, 7-3; Verlander, Houston, 7-2; 6 tied at 6.
ERA_Verlander, Houston, 1.11; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.02; Cole, Houston, 2.20; Morton, Houston, 2.26; Severino, New York, 2.31; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.56; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.61; Mengden, Oakland, 2.91; Boyd, Detroit, 3.00; Sale, Boston, 3.00.

STRIKEOUTS_Cole, Houston, 116; Sale, Boston, 110; Verlander, Houston, 98; Paxton, Seattle, 95; Severino, New York, 92; Kluber, Cleveland, 88; Bauer, Cleveland, 86; Morton, Houston, 85; Bundy, Baltimore, 83; Happ, Toronto, 79.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING_Gennett, Cincinnati, .341; Kemp, Los Angeles, .341; Freeman, Atlanta, .338; Markakis, Atlanta, .332; Almonte, Chicago, .325; Arenado, Colorado, .321; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .313; Herrera, Philadelphia, .312; Crawford, San Francisco, .311; Belt, San Francisco, .307.

RUNS_Albies, Atlanta, 49; Blackmon, Colorado, 45; Pham, St. Louis, 39; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 39; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 38; Harper, Washington, 37; Cain, Milwaukee, 36; Yelich, Milwaukee, 36; 3 tied at 35.

RBI_Baez, Chicago, 43; Suarez, Cincinnati, 43; Freeman, Atlanta, 40; Harper, Washington, 40; Gennett, Cincinnati, 39; Story, Colorado, 39; Markakis, Atlanta, 38; Rizzo, Chicago, 37; Shaw, Milwaukee, 36; 3 tied at 35.

HITS_Markakis, Atlanta, 75; Freeman, Atlanta, 73; Gennett, Cincinnati, 72; Albies, Atlanta, 67; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 65; Cabrera, New York, 64; Herrera, Philadelphia, 63; Arenado, Colorado, 62; Castro, Miami, 62; Pirela, San Diego, 62.

DOUBLES_Bryant, Chicago, 17; Hosmer, San Diego, 17; Markakis, Atlanta, 17; Albies, Atlanta, 16; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 16; Longoria, San Francisco, 16; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 16; 4 tied at 15.

TRIPLES_Baez, Chicago, 5; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 5; Contreras, Chicago, 4; KMarte, Arizona, 4; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 4; Nimmo, New York, 4; Story, Colorado, 4; 13 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS_Harper, Washington, 18; Villanueva, San Diego, 15; Albies, Atlanta, 14; Baez, Chicago, 13; Shaw, Milwaukee, 13; Adams, Washington, 12; Arenado, Colorado, 12; Blackmon, Colorado, 12; 5 tied at 11.

STOLEN BASES_Inciarte, Atlanta, 18; Turner, Washington, 16; MTaylor, Washington, 13; Cain, Milwaukee, 11; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 10; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 10; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 10; Dyson, Arizona, 9; Peraza, Cincinnati, 9; Pollock, Arizona, 9.

PITCHING_Scherzer, Washington, 9-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 7-2; Stratton, San Francisco, 7-3; Gonzalez, Washington, 6-2; Mikolas, St. Louis, 6-1; Newcomb, Atlanta, 6-1; Quintana, Chicago, 6-4; Strasburg, Washington, 6-5; Wacha, St. Louis, 6-1; 12 tied at 5.

ERA_deGrom, New York, 1.52; Scherzer, Washington, 1.92; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.10; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 2.16; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.18; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.22; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.49; Lester, Chicago, 2.71; Wacha, St. Louis, 2

FRENCH OPEN



Maria Sharapova, left, shakes hands with Karolina Pliskova after Sharapova's 6-2, 6-1 victory in the third round of the French Open on Saturday at Roland Garros in Paris.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get ready for Serena Williams vs. Maria Sharapova in Paris

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

PARIS — If the upcoming French Open showdown between Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova provides any of the sort of animus and back-and-forth they manage to stir up away from the court, look out.

During a news conference after both won Saturday to set up the longtime rivals' fourth-round matchup at Roland Garros, Williams criticized Sharapova's autobiography as "hearsay" and twice brought up the Russian's 15-month doping ban.

Producing by far the best performance in her return to Grand Slam tennis — 16 months after her last major tournament and nine months after having a baby — Williams played cleanly and powerfully in a 6-3, 6-4 tour de force against 11th-seeded Julia Goerges that lasted a mere 75 minutes and lacked much in the way of theatrics.

"There is still a ways to go, but it's moving in the right direction," said Williams, who made only three unforced errors in the first set, 12 in all. "And I think that as long as it's moving in the right direction, I know I will get there."

Sharapova advanced with a similarly lopsided win, 6-2, 6-1 against 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova.

Now comes the drama: Williams vs. Sharapova on Monday with a quarterfinal spot at stake.

They have verbally clashed in the past, such as a 2013 public spat about their private lives.

Williams, 36, owns 23 major singles titles. Sharapova, 31, has won five. Williams has won the French Open three times, Sharapova twice. They are the only active women with a career Grand Slam; they are two of six in history to accomplish that. Both have been ranked No. 1.

But the head-to-head history is overwhelmingly in Williams' favor: She has won 19 of 21 meetings, including 18 in a row.

"Quite frankly, she's probably a favorite in this match, for sure," Williams said with a chuckle. "She's been playing ... for over a year now. I just started. So I'm just really trying to get my bearings and trying to feel out where I am and see where I can go."

The last time Sharapova beat Williams was in 2004.

The last time they played was in the 2016 Australian Open quarterfinals, Sharapova's final appearance before her 15-month drug suspension.

"Well, it's been a while," Sharapova said, "and I think a lot has happened in our lives for the both of us, in very different ways."

Williams was asked about Sharapova's book,

PRO FOOTBALL

Manziel makes CFL debut in Hamilton's exhibition loss

HAMILTON, Ontario (AP) — Johnny Manziel was content with his first time in a game in more than two years.

Manziel was 9-of-12 passing for 80 yards in his CFL debut as the Hamilton Tiger-Cats lost 36-18 to the Toronto Argonauts in an exhibition game Friday night.

"I felt like I was able to get in there and handle the situation well, get some completions and get the guys some balls," Manziel said. "I really wasn't nervous going into it, I was just kind of going out and letting the ball rip."

"Right now we're still in preseason so we'll get a little bit more tailor-made for the team and defense and what they do and scheme against them. I think that'll help us moving forward."

Manziel, playing for the first time since being released by the NFL's Cleveland Browns in March 2016, , faced a Toronto defense that was missing most of its starters and Hamilton coach June Jones was very conservative in his play-calling.

The six-foot, 210-pound Manziel, who signed with the Tiger-Cats two weeks ago, directed five drives (22 plays) and was especially effective throwing on the run.

But Manziel's biggest complaint was receiving a 22-yard intentional ground penalty in the second half.

"That's the worst call of the century," Manziel said. "My whole life I've been taught to throw it right at the stick that's marking the down. ... I thought I got it there, he (official) told me I was about a yard short. That's the first time I've heard of that, that's new to me."

So too was running to the locker room at half-time and being told there still was a final play to run despite the clock having run out.

"I'm still learning some things up here," he said. "There's going to be some of those growing pains."

Hamilton, which played most of its starters, had seven turnovers in the first half — two interceptions, three fumbles and two on downs.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hamilton quarterback Johnny Manziel takes a snap during the first half of the Tiger-Cats' preseason game against Toronto on Friday in Hamilton, Ontario.

FRENCH OPEN

Nadal powers into 4th round with French Open streaks intact

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS - Right from the get-go in Court Philippe Chatrier, things were not looking good for Rafael Nadal's latest French Open foil: The 10-time champion at Roland Garros won the first 12 points against Richard Gasquet.

"I started badly," Gasquet would say later.

Well, that's one possible explanation. Another is much simpler. To wit: He was facing the mighty Nadal — winner of all 16 matches this pair has played against each other as professionals — and on red clay, to boot. Nadal eventually lost points, of course, but never really relented in a meaningful way en route to a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 third-round victory that was only his latest declaration of dominance on this surface and at this Grand

Slam tournament.

"Once he's ahead," Gasquet lamented, "it becomes impossible."

Consider the streaks that the No. 1-ranked Nadal has amassed.

He has won 12 consecutive matches at Roland Garros; the last loss was against Novak Djokovic in the 2015 quarterfinals.

He has won 34 completed sets in a row, too, which eclipsed his own previous best of 32 and now stands second in French Open history to Bjorn Borg's 41 from 1979-81.

He is 82-2 for his career at Roland Garros, 107-2 in best-of-five-set clay-court matches anywhere.

"It's no surprise to anyone," observed Gasquet, who is not exactly a nobody.

Gasquet was seeded 27th in Paris but has been ranked as high as No. 7 and made it to

three Grand Slam semifinals.

Nadal now meets 70th-ranked Maximilian Marterer, a 22-year-old German who will be appearing in the fourth round of a major tournament for the first time.

In classic Nadal fashion, he spoke glowingly of his next opponent.

"He's a player that has a good potential. He's a player that has a good serve, good forehand. He hits the ball with big topspin. He has power, so he's a dangerous opponent," Nadal said. "He's playing well. He won very easy today, no?"

Other men's matchups in the top half of the draw with quarterfinal berths at stake Monday: No. 3 Marin Cilic against No. 18 Fabio Fognini, No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro against No. 9 John Isner, and No. 6 Kevin Anderson against No. 11 Diego Schwartzman. Isner is the last U.S. man left

in the field after eliminating the last man from France, Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 7-6 (4). The last year without a Frenchman in the fourth round at Roland Garros was 2007.

On the other side of the bracket, Sunday's fourth-round matchups are No. 2 Alexander Zverev against Karen Khachanov, No. 7 Dominic Thiem against No. 19 Kei Nishikori, No. 8 David Goffin against Marco Cecchinato, and 12-time major champion

Novak Djokovic against No. 30 Fernando Verdasco.

With about a week to go, Nadal is looking more and more like the absolute favorite. Of the 16 men left, only he and Schwartzman have yet to drop a set.

Zverev already has played a pair of five-setters. Djokovic has been shaky at times, too. The only man to beat Nadal on clay this season, Thiem, couldn't take him on again until the final.

PO BOY'S TREE SERVICE LLC

FREE ESTIMATES

TREE CARE

- TRIMMING
- TREE REMOVAL
- STUMP REMOVAL

TREE REMOVAL

- TOPPING
- SPRAYING
- PRUNING
- FERTILIZING
- BUSH HOGGING

Po Boy's
Rex Prescott
Tommy Thompson

OVER 50 YEARS EXPERIENCE
LICENSED & INSURED

FIREWOOD DELIVERY

469-7606 or 499-4413

James Formal Wear

8 W. HAMPTON AVENUE
773-2320
WWW.JAMESFORMALWEAR.COM

In Business Serving Sumter 36 Years



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson's Seth Beer (28) watches his home run against Morehead State during the bottom of the fifth inning in Clemson's 4-3, 10-inning victory in the Clemson regional on Friday.

NCAA FROM PAGE B1

Seth Beer had a solo homer, his 21st, for Clemson.

The game's start was delayed nearly three hours due to bad weather.

On Friday in Conway, Kieton Rivers had a 3-run homer and a 2-run double as 2016 College World Series champion Coastal Carolina came away with a 16-1 pounding of LIU-Brooklyn on Friday night.

The Chanticleers (43-17) will face Washington (31-23) in a winner's bracket contest Saturday. LIU-Brooklyn (31-25) faces an elimination

game in its first NCAA appearance since 1972 against UConn (35-21-1) on Saturday.

The 43-17 Chanticleers led 2-0 when its offense took control with a 5-run fourth, a 5-run fifth and a 4r-run seventh. Rivers drove in two runs with a double in the fourth, then lifted his fifth homer of the season to drive in three runs.

Chanticleers starter Anthony Veneziano (7-1) gave up just three hits over seven innings.

LIU-Brooklyn, which fell to 31-25, lone's offensive highlight came in the eighth when Brock Hallum's double drove in the program's first NCAA run in 46 years.

Coastal shortstop Seth Lancaster hit his 20th homer of the season.

PRO BASEBALL

Scherzer's pinch single in 14th sparks Nats over Braves

ATLANTA — Nationals ace Max Scherzer singled as a pinch hitter in the 14th inning and scored the tie-breaking run on Wilmer Difo's triple, sparking the Washington Nationals to a 5-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday.

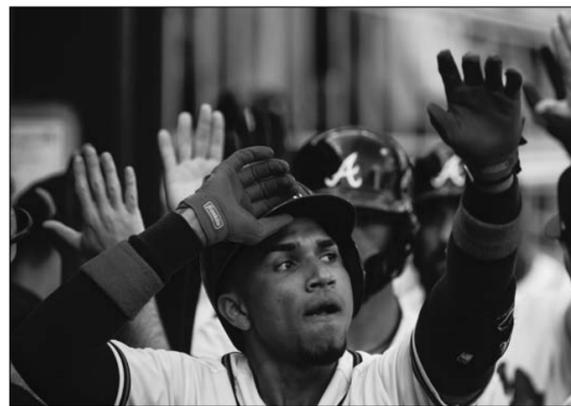
In his third big league pinch-hit appearance, Scherzer singled up the middle against Miguel Socolovich (0-1) and sped home from first base on Difo's hit to right-center field. Spencer Kieboom added an RBI single. Scherzer, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, touched off a dugout celebration after he scored.

Justin Miller (2-0) struck out five in three innings, facing the minimum, and Sean Doolittle got three

straight outs for his 14th save in 15 chances. Washington's bullpen has allowed two earned runs in its last 33 innings.

Jesse Biddle, the fifth Atlanta reliever, struck out eight of his 13 batters, including Juan Soto with the bases loaded to end the 11th. He walked two in three innings.

Nationals starter Gio Gonzalez faced the minimum through four innings, striking out five, before Nick Markakis' leadoff single in the fifth. Tyler Flowers singled and Johan Camargo homered for a 3-2 lead, his third homer this week and fifth this season. Soto tied the score with a seventh-inning homer off Sam Freeman.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta's Johan Camargo is congratulated in the dugout after hitting a 3-run home run during the fifth inning of the Braves' 5-3, 14-inning loss to Washington on Saturday in Atlanta.

NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

MacNamee's 3-run, walk-off homer helps MSU eliminate Florida State

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Elijah MacNamee hit a three-run homer to left field with two outs in the ninth, and Mississippi State beat Florida State 3-2 on Saturday to eliminate the No. 7 national seed from the NCAA Tournament's Tallahassee Regional.

Jake Magnum and Hunter Stovall got on via walks before MacNamee hit a 1-2 pitch from Florida State's Drew Parrish off the scoreboard. Parrish had blanked the Bulldogs for the first eight innings but came out for the ninth despite a 2½-hour rain delay after the eighth.

Parrish, a sophomore left-hander who fell to 5-1, allowed four hits, struck out eight and walked two in 133 pitches, with 93 being strikes.

Mississippi State (32-26) will face the Oklahoma-Samford loser on Sunday. The Seminoles finish the season 43-19.

Nick Derr got Florida State's first run in the third when he doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a throwing error by Mississippi State catcher Marshall Gilbert. The Seminoles added a run in the fifth when Rhett Aplin's single drove in J.C.

Flowers.

Riley Self (4-0) got the win with three shutout innings.

**ST. JOHN'S 11
MOREHEAD STATE 5**

CLEMSON — Left fielder Mike Antico had a three-run homer and catcher Wayne Mascarella had three RBIs as St. John's defeated Morehead State 11-5 to stay alive in the NCAA Tournament on Saturday.

The Red Storm (40-16) will need to win three more games to advance into the best-of-three super regional round. Morehead State ends its season at 37-26.

Antico's homer in the sixth inning put St. John's ahead 6-1. After the Eagles cut things to 6-4 with six straight hits, the Red Storm put the game away with three runs in the seventh and two in the eighth.

St. John's starter Kevin Magee (7-3) earned the win, allowing six hits and three runs in five innings.

Third baseman Eli Boggess had three hits and two RBIs for Morehead State.

The game was delayed about two hours because of lightning in the area.

**UNC WILMINGTON 4
OHIO STATE 3**

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Kep Brown had a walkoff RBI single through the right side in the 13th inning to help UNC Wilmington beat Ohio State 4-3 in Saturday's elimination game at the NCAA Tournament's Greenville Regional.

Brown's hit scored Noah Bridges for the fourth-seeded Seahawks (38-22), who needed a run-scoring single from Mason Berne in the bottom of the 11th before there was a lightning delay of more than 90 minutes.

Brown finished with four hits for the Seahawks, while Blake Morgan (2-1) earned the win with an inning of relief work. UNC Wilmington finished with 19 hits.

Jacob Barnwell hit a home run for the third-seeded Buckeyes (36-24), who led 3-2 on Noah West's RBI single in the top of the 11th inning.

Ohio State had just five hits for the game.

**GEORGIA 18
CAMPBELL 5**

ATHENS, Ga. — Tucker Bradley hit a grand slam, and Georgia hit four home runs in beating Campbell 18-5 in the NCAA Tournament's Athens Regional on Saturday.

Keegan McGovern, Adam Sasser and Cam Shepherd also homered to help the top-seeded Bulldogs win a game pushed back a day due to rain and lightning Friday night.

Georgia (38-19) advanced to face third-seeded Troy (42-19) on Saturday night while the fourth-seeded Camels (35-25) fell into an elimination game against second-seeded Duke (40-16).

Bradley's grand slam keyed the seven-run fourth inning that put the Bulldogs ahead to stay.

Tony Locey (7-2) allowed two runs in four innings of relief to earn the victory. Wes Noble (7-7) allowed eight runs in 3⅓ innings for Campbell.

Matthew Barefoot homered and drove in three runs for Campbell, while Christian Jones also went deep.

From wire reports

OBITUARIES

DARNELL FRIERSON

Darnell "Smoke" Frierson, 50, departed this life on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1967, in Sumter, a son of Aleithia Ann Frierson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 375 Boots Branch Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

MABLE M. KELLY

God called Mable Mack Kelly, 65, to her eternal home to be a part of his angelic choir on Monday, May 28, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

Born on Nov. 9, 1952, in Bishopville, she was one of 13 children born to the late Warren and Ella Louise Bradley Mack Sr.

She was educated in the public schools of Lee County.

Known for her tireless work ethic and devotion to her family, she was employed by various businesses in Lee County and Sumter. Her labor was not in vain.

Within every church where

she was a member, her angelic soprano voice could be heard. During her youth years, she attended New Zion AME Church in Bishopville and Allen AME Church, Newark, New Jersey.

When she relocated back to Bishopville, she was a member of New Zion AME Church, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Bishopville.

She leaves to mourn her passing four daughters, Felicia A. of Columbia, Yolanda of the home, Demetria of Sumter and Rasheeda L. Kelly of Simpsonville; two sons, Terrance J. and Jonathan L. Kelly of Bishopville; five grandchildren, Aquira S., Alania T. and Jon'Naja L. Kelly, Dakarai M. and Raina A. Dawson; two sisters, Isabel Wright of Sumter and Minnie Mack Thomas of Newark, New Jersey; one brother, Mingo (Dolores) Mack of Newark, New Jersey; four sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at 499 Manville-Wisacky Road in Bishopville.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 510 Manville Wisacky Road in Bishopville, with the Rev. Darren P. Dixon officiating. The Rev. Dixon will give the eulogy.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m.

The funeral procession will leave from the home at 2:10 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Yard Cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the Web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

LARRY R. CRESS

Larry Royce Cress, age 83, husband to Kay Church Cress, died on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at his residence.

Born in Pound, Virginia, he was the son of the late Mathius and Alpha Bolling Cress.

Larry was a veteran of the Korean War and World War, II — he served three years in the U.S. Army followed by 17.5 years in the United

States Air Force.

He was a man of faith, a devoted husband and loving father.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Kay Cress; his daughter, Tina Cress of Sumter; a sister in Apple Valley, California; and a brother in Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Cress, two brothers and one sister.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob White officiating. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Shaw Heights Baptist Church, 2030 Peach Orchard Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

PEARL HOLMES

Pearl Holmes, 94, widow of Luther Holmes and daughter of the late Louis and Phyllis Reese Murray, was born on Nov. 19, 1923, in Sumter.

She departed this life on Friday, June 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist in Columbia.

Family will receive friends at the home, 1890 N. St. Paul Church Road, Sumter.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

BRONCO FRAZIER JR.

FLORENCE — Bronco Frazier Jr., 15, died on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

He was a son of Bronco Frazier Sr. and Tabitha "Tammy" Starks and was born on Jan. 9, 2003, in Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother, 45 Nassau Road, Greeleyville. These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

JESSICA R. DUBOSE

PINEWOOD — Jessica Renee "Jessie" DuBose, 28, died on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.





PHOTOS BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

ABOVE: Sumter designated hitter Daniel Twitty waves home Jacob Holladay on a wild pitch during the P-15's 5-2 victory over Orangeburg Post 4 on Friday at Riley Park. RIGHT: Sumter's Ryan Moore gets back to first base safely on a throw from Orangeburg pitcher Hanks Avinger. BELOW: Sumter starting pitcher Chandler Hunter deals in the first inning of Sumter's victory over Orangeburg on Friday.



P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

Williamson took the mound in the sixth and went the rest of the way for Sumter, giving up four hits and allowing two runs on a pair of errors in the seventh. With a storm brewing, Williamson was able to strand two Post 4 runners on base, striking out Noah Bearden looking and getting Skye Foster to line out to shortstop to end the rally and the game.

Jacob Holladay went 2-of 4 with two RBI, Lathan Todd was 1-for-3 with a RBI.

"(Orangeburg) had some good arms out there," Johnson said. "They were throwing strikes and had a little velocity, and we did a good job squaring some of those guys up."

Sumter broke on top in the first as Moore reached on an error, stole second, moved to third on a single by Holladay and scored on a single by Todd. Holladay advanced to third on a fielder's choice and scored on wild pitch from Avinger to make it 2-0.

The P-15's added a run in the third when Moore led off with a triple and scored on a single by Holladay. Sumter scored again in the fourth when Bobby Crisp led off with a double to leftfield and

scored on an RBI single by Tray Yates, and put up an insurance run in the fifth on an RBI-single by pinch-hitter Daulton Dabbs that scored courtesy runner Jackson Hoshour.

Orangeburg threatened in the seventh, as Heston Thompson led off with a triple to centerfield and scored on a sharply hit ball to shortstop by Alex Tapia that Moore wasn't able to handle cleanly. Tapia moved to second on a single by Daniel Williams and to third on a fielder's choice before scoring on a single by Andrew Isgett that made it 5-2 with runners at the corners. Foster lined out to shortstop to end the threat.

"We've got a long way to go," Johnson said. "But it's a marathon and not a sprint. We're 2-0, and we're happy with that, but we've just to keep working every day and you get better every day. I just want us to put together a complete game and play clean for seven innings."

Sumter was set to host Goose Creek on Saturday at Riley Park, before traveling to Hartsville on Monday. The P-15's will be back in action at Riley Park on June 5 against Hartsville.



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES

SUMTER P-15'S
 Monday at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday at Manning, 7 p.m.
 June 8 Hampton, 7 p.m.
 June 9 Beaufort, 4 p.m.
 June 11 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
 June 12 at Hampton, 7 p.m.
 June 13 Camden, 7 p.m.
 June 14 at Camden, 7 p.m.
 North/South Tournament in Salisbury, N.C.
 June 16 vs. Garner, N.C., 4 p.m.
 June 16 vs. Rowan County, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
 June 17 vs. Randolph County, N.C., noon
 June 18 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
 June 19 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
 Palmetto Invitational at Riley Park
 June 20 Kentucky, TBA
 June 21 Ohio, TBA
 June 22 Chapin/Newberry, 7:30 p.m.
 June 23 Troy, Ala., 6:30 p.m.
 June 24 Tallahassee, Fla., 1 p.m.
 July 2 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
 July 3 Lexington, 7 p.m.
 July 5 at Florence, 7 p.m.
 July 6 Florence, 7 p.m.

MANNING-SANTEE POST 68
 Tuesday at Lake City, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday Sumter, 7 p.m.
 June 7 Lake City, 7 p.m.
 June 12 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
 June 14 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
 June 15 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
 June 19 at Camden, 7 p.m.
 June 21 Camden, 7 p.m.
 June 22 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 June 27 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
 June 28 Lexington, 7 p.m.
 July 2 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
 July 3 at Dalzell, 7 p.m.

DALZELL-SHAW POST 175
 Tuesday at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
 June 7 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
 June 11 West Columbia, 7 p.m.
 June 12 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 June 13 at West Columbia, 7 p.m.
 June 15 at Manning, 7 p.m.
 June 18 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
 June 19 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
 June 20 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 June 26 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 June 28 at Camden, 7 p.m.
 June 29 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
 July 2 at Manning, 7 p.m.
 July 3 Manning, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Manning falls to Hartsville; Junior P-15's move to 4-0

KELLEYTOWN — The Manning-Santee Post 68 American Legion baseball team lost to Hartsville 8-7 in 12 innings on Friday at Kelleytown Stadium.

Sandy Johnson took the loss for Manning. He pitched five innings, striking out eight, walking two and allowing two hits.

Chandler Evans also pitched two shutout innings for Post 68.

M-S scored three runs in the seventh to tie the game and force extra innings.

Taylor Lee, Jake Jordan, Morgan Morris, Luke Stokes, Braydon Osteen, Johnson and Nathan Bright.

SUMTER 8 MANNING 4

MANNING — The Sumter Junior P-15's American Legion baseball team

scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to beat Manning-Santee Post 68 8-4 on Friday at Monarch Field.

Wiley Coker had a 2-run single as the big hit in the inning.

The Junior P-15's finished with nine hits. Aaron Carlton, Victor Brown and Bryce Lyons each had two hits.

Dustin Kennedy pitched 4½ innings in relief to get the victory. Kennedy struck out 11 and allowed just one run and one hit.

Manning scored three runs in the third inning. Britton Morris, Hunter Vohs and Camryn Watford all drove in a run in the inning.

Morris had two hits for Post 68.

From staff reports

Look no further than your local newspaper for
The right advertising opportunity!
 Call (803) 774-1200 and get started today.

Great rates - no worries*

2.30% APY*
 30-month CD

It's a beautiful thing.
 Let me help you choose an FDIC insured Certificate of Deposit from State Farm Bank® and watch your money grow.

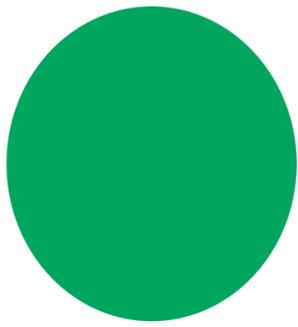
Bank with a good neighbor®.
 CALL ME TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Charles Bostic, Jr.
 Bostic Insurance Agency, Inc.
 704 Bultman Drive
 Sumter, SC 29150
 Bus: 803-775-8371

State Farm Bank™

*Up to FDIC insured limits. Annual Percentage Yields as of 05-02-18. Advertised rates are subject to change at the Bank's discretion. The minimum balance required to earn the stated APY is \$500 (rates apply to deposits less than \$100,000). A penalty may be imposed for withdrawals prior to maturity.

1001287.3 State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Bloomington, IL



USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE



HAPPINESS REPORT

SmartAsset looked at metrics such as family stability, physical well-being, personal financial health and economic security to find the **happiest counties in America**. The top five:

1. Carver County, Minn.
2. Lincoln County, S.D.
3. Loudoun County, Va.
4. Fairfax County, Va.
5. Williamson County, Tenn.

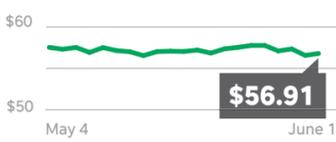
ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

STARBUCKS



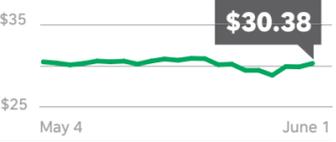
The coffee chain closed about 8,000 stores for anti-bias training Tuesday. The lost revenue was estimated at \$16.7 million.



BAYER AG



The health care/agricultural products producer won U.S. antitrust approval for its \$66 billion Monsanto bid, clearing the last hurdle after a two-year review.



WALT DISNEY



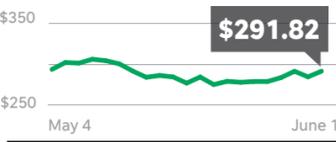
The entertainment company's new Star Wars film, *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, made far less money in its opening weekend than expected and shares declined.



TESLA



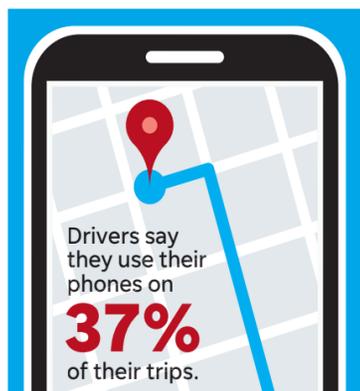
The electric-car maker's Model 3 won a coveted recommendation from *Consumer Reports* after a software update improved braking by almost 20 feet.



MORE ONLINE USATODAY.COM

Get all the market action in real time at americasmarkets.usatoday.com

USA SNAPSHOTS®



SOURCE EverQuote report of 781 million miles of driving data
JAE YANG, PAUL TRAP/USA TODAY

Need cash fast? Don't rush into a rash decision

Amrita Jayakumar NerdWallet

When you need money in a crisis — to pay for car repairs, an overdue bill or a trip to the emergency room — you may not take time to think about your financial future. But being smart about how and from whom you borrow could save you money and keep your debt under control. Before you borrow money from a lender, ask yourself a few questions to better understand your options and the true cost of borrowing. Your wallet will thank you.



If you decide to borrow from a lender, start with a snapshot of your cash flow.

1. What are my other options? Before turning to a fast-cash lender, run through your options, says Scott Astrada, federal advocacy director at the nonprofit Center for Responsible Lending. Can you borrow money from family and friends or a local nonprofit or religious organization? Will your employer allow an advance on your paycheck?

Selling items online or to a pawnshop is also a way to get cash fast, he says.

2. What can I afford to borrow? If you decide to borrow from a lender, start with a snapshot of your cash flow.

Check your last three pay stubs for your average income and add up your monthly bills, says Debbie Murphy, senior credit and housing counselor at Guidewell Financial Solutions, a credit counseling agency. Calculate the difference to see how much you have left to work with, and then look for expenses you can cut right away, she says.

Astrada says calculating your cash flow will help you estimate the monthly payment you can afford on a loan.

3. Can I trust this lender? "When you're in a bind, there are a host of financial institutions willing to take advantage of that, which will put you in a worse situation," Astrada says.

Reputable lenders look at your credit score, credit report and the ratio of your debt to income to see if you can repay the loan. Check your credit score and report for free before you apply to understand your approval odds, Astrada says.

Murphy recommends starting with a local credit union or bank for a loan. Many credit unions offer emergency loans as low as \$500, she says. Federal credit unions offer payday alternative loans, whose maximum annual percentage rate of 28 percent is well below payday lenders' triple-digit average rate.

Check an online lender's Better Business Bureau rating and reviews on other websites, as well as complaints reported to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Astrada says.

4. What will this loan truly cost? The APR of a loan is the total of the interest rate and any upfront fees a lender charges. Use it to compare the cost of your loan options. The convenience of a quick loan may cost you a higher APR.

"The best way to find the loan that's most affordable is to shop around," Astrada says. One with the lowest APR for a given term is the cheapest option.

NerdWallet is a USA TODAY content partner providing general news, commentary and coverage from around the web. Its content is produced independently of USA TODAY.

Q&A: THE MOTLEY FOOL

Even lower-rated bonds are safe bets

Matthew Frankel
The Motley Fool

Question: I'm shopping for bonds, and while I understand the basic idea of bond ratings, I'm not sure what they really mean in terms of yield and risk. Can you help?

Answer: Bonds are rated by three main agencies (S&P, Moody's, and Fitch), and lower ratings imply more risk. However, many investors don't realize the differences in risk and yield between each rating level. (Note: For this discussion, I'm using the S&P rating system of AAA, AA, A, B, etc.)

The highest-rated bonds, AAA, are extremely unlikely to default. In fact, AAA-rated bonds have a 0 percent default rate since 1981. The historical default rate for AA-rated bonds is 0.02 percent, followed by 0.07 percent



GETTY IMAGES

for A-rated bonds and 0.22 percent for BBB-rated bonds.

Even the lowest-rated investment-grade bonds (BBB) have small default

rates. Even during the financial crisis, BBB-rated bonds peaked at a 0.54 percent default rate. It's not until you get into the realm of junk bonds that you'll see default rates of 1 percent or higher.

As for yield, different ratings can have a big impact, especially with long-maturity bonds.

As of this writing, the average yield for a 20-year maturity bond is 4.05 percent (AAA), 4.25 percent (AA), or 4.90 percent (A). For many investors, an additional 85 basis points of yield is worth the additional risk of A-rated bonds, especially with their 0.07 percent historical default rate.

On the other hand, risk-averse investors are often perfectly content to accept the slightly lower yield of an AAA-rated bond in exchange for the peace of mind that comes with knowing their risk of default is virtually zero.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▼0.5% week ▲3.0% month ▲0.4% 3 months	S&P 500 ▲0.5% week ▲3.8% month ▲1.6% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲1.6% week ▲6.4% month ▲4.1% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▲0.6% week ▲3.9% month ▲2.2% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▼0.7% week ▼0.8% month ▼2.2% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▼3.0% week ▼3.1% month ▲7.4% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro ▼0.0007 week ▼0.0326 month ▼0.0665 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▲0.14 week ▼0.22 month ▲3.31 3 months
--	--	--	--	---	---	---	--

PART 1 OF 3

I love the Roth IRA; today, why I hate it

Great financial product is complicated, and it's not enough to retire on



Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

This is the first of a three-part series looking at three financial products I love the most — but through a highly critical lens. During this series, I will not focus on the positives.

I remember where I was when I first heard the phrase Roth IRA. I was 20 years old, and I had driven to meet with a financial adviser who was willing to talk with a young guy armed with \$2,000 and a list of questions that would have left even the most patient person annoyed.

"The Roth IRA is the best financial product that exists today," the adviser offered. I've shared his zeal and belief for 20 years. But I'm now at a stage where I want to strongly consider the ideas with which I disagree. Roth IRAs aren't perfect, and today I'm choosing to point out their imperfections.

One of the primary reasons people choose to invest in a Roth IRA, as opposed to a Traditional IRA, is because they believe tax rates will continue to rise. They want to pay tax on their money now when it's at a lower rate. I've always felt this to be a weak assumption. The top marginal tax rate in the U.S. was 70 percent in 1977. Today the top marginal bracket is 37 percent.

While the IRS lets me defer up to \$18,500 (in 2018) to my 401(k), it only lets me contribute \$5,500 to a Roth IRA (since I'm 49 or younger). From my experience, I've seen this stifle contributions from people who otherwise would increase their retirement contributions each year, if they were to primarily focus on the 401(k).

In practice, people only have so much



Don't put just one of these eggs in your retirement basket. THE MOTLEY FOOL

With one bad piece of legislation, all the tax advantages of Roth IRAs could quickly disappear.

Next week

A look at Health Savings Accounts and exploring what's to hate about such a brilliant solution to health and wealth conundrums.

time and energy to focus on their finances. Even when financial experts instruct people on how to use both employer-sponsored retirement savings vehicles and individual retirement accounts, they simply don't bother. They

pick one pony to ride, even when that pony bucks them off once they've invested \$5,500 in it. Had the person chosen to ride other ponies in the stable — such as the 401(k) — they could have kept riding and contributed more as their income changed over time.

And what if you're on the upper end of the income spectrum? Roth's got nothing for you. People in this particular predicament must access Roth through the back door, via a backdoor Roth conversion.

I'm also struggling to get over how fussy the Roth IRA is. As a stand-alone methodology for preparing for retirement, it struggles to have broad appeal. This relates to my ultimate point: Americans are thirsting for financial simplicity more than ever and, if they take the Roth path, they will absolutely underfund their retirement.

Is this Roth's fault? No. Is this the government's fault? No. But if Americans

continue to struggle to weave together simple retirement funding strategies, let alone complex ones, then the Roth suffers from being too little of a good thing.

This last concern could be rational or irrational but, based on the near meltdown of the 529 tax program just a few years ago, I feel like my concern is legitimate. With one bad piece of legislation, all the tax advantages of Roth IRAs could quickly disappear.

If some future tax reform bill ever targets the tax-free nature of Roths at withdrawal, then we're all staring at a retirement disaster. Roths are vulnerable to myopic thinking.

Peter Dunn is an author, speaker and radio host, and he has a free podcast: "Million Dollar Plan." Have a question about money for Pete the Planner? Email AskPete@petetheplanner.com.

The views and opinions expressed in this column are the author's and do not necessarily reflect those of USA TODAY.

DIGITAL DOLLARS

9 ways to repurpose your old smartphone



Tech Talk
Kim Komando

A smartphone is really just a computer. It's smaller, of course, and many things are less convenient than a regular desktop. But smartphones have powerful features, and once you've upgraded to a better model, you may wonder what to do with all that valuable hardware.

Even without their cell signal, smartphones may still function just as well with a Wi-Fi connection, making them (essentially) miniature tablets. You can use those apps and features you always had, and you can access the Internet and even use regular communications like iMessage, Skype, and WhatsApp.

Here are nine nifty things you can do with an old cellphone.

High-tech alarm and sleep tracker: Most cellphones come with a built-in alarm. Even if you're not paying for cell service on your old gadget, you can still use it for certain apps that you've already downloaded. You can also download a white noise app to help you sleep. Better yet, use the Sleep Cycle app to track your sleep.

Convenient eReader: Kindles and Nooks were originally designed as eReaders, but many apps will enable you to download and read an ebook right on your phone. The most popular eReaders are the iBooks and Kindle apps, but you can find others as well.

Music and movies: Smartphone storage has grown exponentially in recent years; the latest iPhone models have up to 256GB. That amounts to thousands of songs, movies, podcasts, and games. This is an excellent alternative to your regular phone, since you won't receive calls and your mp3s don't have to compete with more critical data.

Children's camera: Your camera is the perfect learning tool for children.

VR headset: You've probably seen commercials where people strap a phone in front of their eyes and have a blast playing games and experiencing new worlds through virtual reality. It can be a lot of fun, but it also requires

moving your phone in and out of a VR headset mount. Your old iPhone can become your full-time VR gadget.

You will need to pick up VR goggles that are compatible with your model of iPhone. Check out the Google Cardboard goggles as an inexpensive way to get started.

Control your Apple TV: The Apple TV remote is a model of minimalist design, but it can be a little cumbersome. Download the Apple TV Remote app to your old iPhone. Now you can navigate the Apple TV interface, conduct searches, and control your streaming entertainment with ease.

If your remote-control ambitions extend beyond your Apple TV, check out the Pronto Smart Universal Remote Control for iOS. This device works in combination with the Peel Smart Remote app to turn your iPhone into a universal remote control that can handle almost any television, stereo system, or another home-entertainment device.

Home security: Many users are turning old phones and tablets into a home security system. For more sophisticated surveillance, you can find specific home security apps. Presence is a popular option, but you can also check out Manything and Alfred. Install the app, set it up, and place your phone in a strategic spot. These apps offer live video streaming and motion-detection alerts. You can keep an eye on your front door, use it as a nanny cam, or check in on your pets when you're traveling. On a related note, your old iPhone can act as a video baby monitor through the use of the \$4 Cloud Baby Monitor app.

Donate it to a good cause: Cell Phones for Soldiers accepts both smartphones and tablets.

Use it for emergencies: Even if you don't have an active mobile plan on an old phone, you can still use it to call emergency services. By law, all cellphones are required to allow you to call 911, even without a service plan. Just make sure the device is always charged and you'll have it on hand whenever an emergency arises.

THE WEEK AHEAD



In March, there was a job opening for every unemployed worker. GETTY IMAGES

Report will show how rosy outlook for job candidates is

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Job openings hit a record 6.6 million in March. Was that a statistical blip or a longer-term trend that could leave job candidates in the driver's seat for quite a while? This week's report on labor market dynamics could help provide an answer. Also on tap are reports on service-sector activity and consumer credit.

Service-sector activity has been elevated, with solid job and income gains lifting industries such as retail, restaurants and real estate. Business concerns over U.S. trade skirmishes could cool the sector, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. In April, the Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) index of service sector activity dipped but still reflected solid expansion. Economists estimate ISM on Tuesday will report that the index rose modestly in May.

The 6.6 million job openings in March — the most on records dating back to 2000 — meant there was an opening for each unemployed worker,

the first time that's happened in two decades. That should give more workers the confidence to switch jobs and demand higher pay.

If the Labor Department's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) reveals the number of vacancies stayed high in April, it could mean the labor market will remain tilted toward workers and away from employers for a while. Labor has previously said employers added a tepid 159,000 jobs in April, but the JOLTS report digs beneath the headline figure.

Consumer credit growth slowed in March to the slowest pace since September, Alexander notes. He attributes the pullback to softer consumer spending early in the year and tighter lending standards by banks. A long-term slowdown in Americans' credit card usage could dampen consumption. But with healthy job growth, Alexander is betting that's not the case. Economists expect the Federal Reserve to announce Thursday that outstanding consumer credit gains picked up moderately to \$14 billion in April from \$11.6 billion the prior month.

REFLECTIONS

Sumter nurse spearheaded free milk program

Reflections focuses on the contributions made by Miss Antonia Gibson for the children of Sumter. Her unwavering commitment to improving the standard of health of Sumter's citizens earned her numerous awards and accolades. This article focuses on her efforts to improve the health habits of Sumter's schoolchildren and the community groups she involved in implementing this innovative program. Information and photos were taken from *The Sumter Item* archives.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

Miss Antonia Bentley Gibson, RN, city nurse, served Sumter in her profession for 42 years. She became involved in community service upon graduating from nurses training at Sumter Hospital, now Palmetto Health Tuomey, in 1902. Her service to the city was continuous except for a few years when she was engaged in private duty. Sponsored by the Civic League, Miss Gibson's work was financed through the City of Sumter, which assumed her salary in 1916. The county also contributed for work she did outside the city limits.

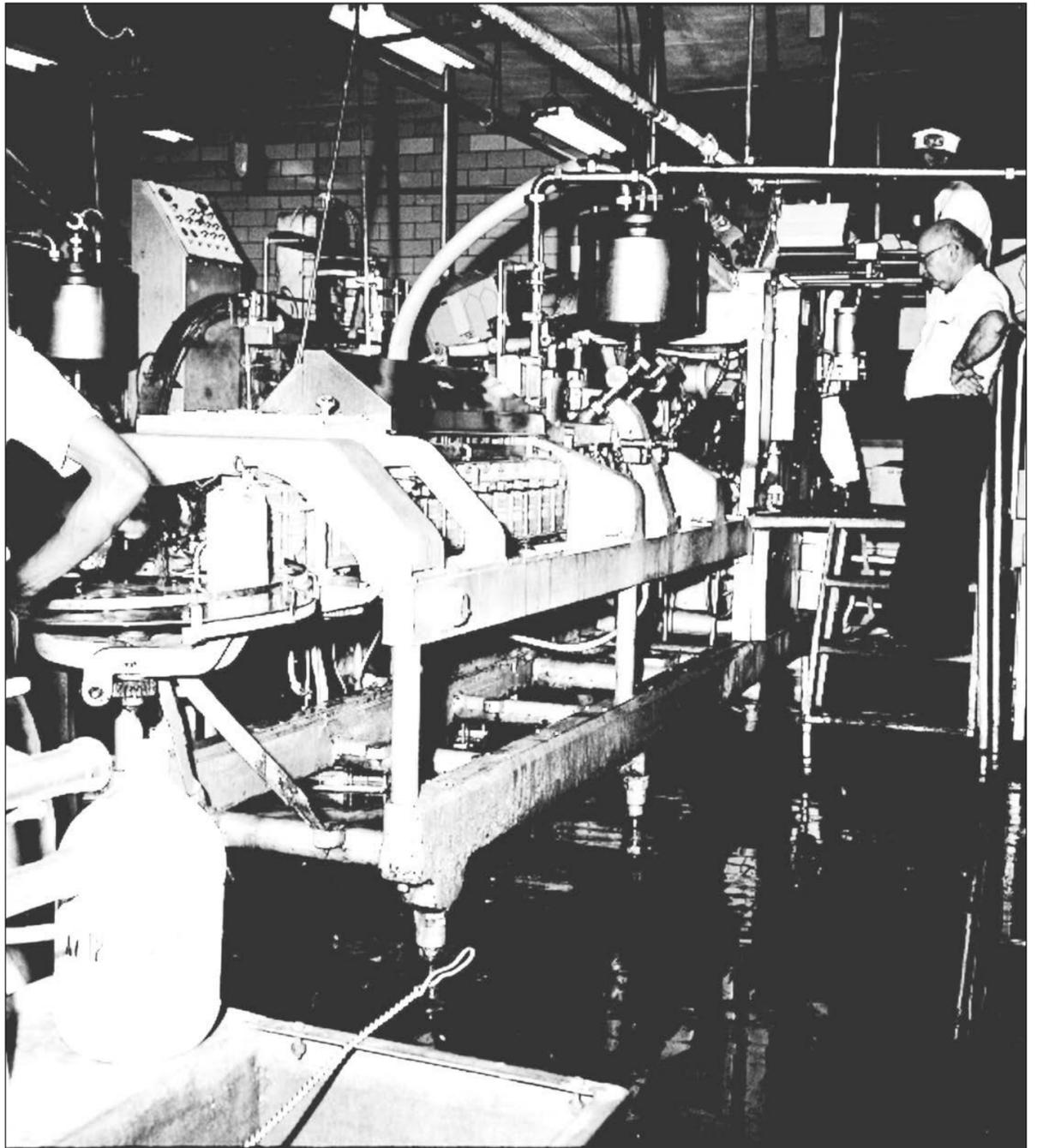
Nurse Gibson was born Sept. 22, 1875, in Charleston and moved to Sumter with her family at the age of 12. She graduated from the Sumter Institute in 1893 before entering the Sumter Hospital Training School where she received her degree in 1902. With the formation of the Civic League, Sumter's first charity organization, Miss Gibson's long association with the needy of Sumter began. In 1917, the city took responsibility for her salary as city nurse.

During World War II, Miss Gibson, who was also a Red Cross nurse, volunteered for overseas duty, yet decided not to leave, however, when the State Board of Health made a special request that public health nurses remain in the state. In 1944, she was presented the A. T. Heath Award for the year's outstanding citizen at the fourth-annual dinner given to honor recipients. "It was the first time a woman had won the distinction, and Mr. Heath, in presenting the handsome silver service, stated that the committee had 'outdone itself' in making such a splendid selection." Mr. Heath gave Miss Gibson a personal award, a \$500 check, to be spent as she saw fit in her work among the underprivileged of the community. Two hundred persons attended the dinner with the Rotary, Pilot, Kiwanis and Lions clubs being represented. Committees from those service organizations selected Miss Gibson as the year's winner.

The Civic League Milk Fund of Sumter, one of seven local agencies, provided money collected in the annual Community Chest drive to furnish milk to needy children in Sumter. Its work had been recognized as vital for many years. Contributions to the Community and War Chest drive would aid this organization, providing nourishing milk to children who otherwise would not receive this vital supplement. Many citizens felt that this was the time when our city's children needed wholesome food and drink. The body, they thought, must be nourished to offset the mental anguish caused by the horrors of war. Our Army recognized this fact and provided milk for our fighting men. In like manner, many citizens vowed to see that our home front was not neglected. "Let us not forget the underprivileged children, for they are the men and women of tomorrow."

Miss Antonia Gibson modestly spoke of her work as "just a regular nursing job," but it was more than that. Most of her clients were families of meager means and looked up to her as they would to a kindly aunt who would take an interest in "baby's first tooth ... what Sonny made in arithmetic and where Grandpa's sorely needed pair of shoes is coming from." Miss Gibson's interest was a real one, her sympathy broad and genuine; years of experience had given her the wisdom to deal wisely with people. The help she rendered helped build self-respect rather than encourage dependence or the desire for coddling.

Miss Gibson was said to have assisted in more than 1,800 births, "with an uncounted number of babies being given the name Antonia." Miss Wilson died at the age of 74, after a long period of poor health. Her funeral services were held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, and interment was conducted at Sumter Cemetery.



Machinery inside the Sumter Dairies Main Plant is seen in this photo.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS



ANTONIA GIBSON



A.T. HEATH SR.

Civic League Milk Fund One Of Most Appealing Agencies In Sumter's New Community Chest Campaign

Growing out of the old Civic League, a former organization of Sumter women devoted to the care of the underprivileged, as well as to the beautification of the city, the Civic League Milk Fund is a smart of milk a day and that in financially unable to do with sufficient milk. In a recent interview, Miss Antonia Gibson pointed out that as the available funds usually by the Civic League have never been

New School Milk Program For Schools Of County

Headlines in *The Sumter Item* announce the milk program.

Only Circus of the Season

Sumter ONE WEEK Nov. 12-17

The Kiwanis Club Presents **Dutton's All-Star CIRCUS**

BASEBALL PARK,
Matinees Wednesday and Saturday,
Night Shows at 8.

ADULT ADMISSION		
50c.	War Tax 5c.	Total 55c.
27c.	War Tax 3c.	Total 30c.

This is an all professional circus of exceptionally high class acts. No gaming devices. Just a big, clean show that exhibited in front of the grand stand at the Columbia Fair.

Proceeds to Free Milk Fund

Lowery receives Purple Heart; Shaw will lose 36 jets

75 YEARS AGO — 1943

Dec. 25 — Dec. 31

• Mrs. J. D. Harrelson received word from the War Department that her husband, Lt. "Jimmy" Harrelson, is missing in action in the Italian theater of war. He is a pilot and has been overseas for some time. Mrs. Harrelson is the former Miss Alice Moore of this city. She has made her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Moore, since Lt. Harrelson went overseas. He is a Columbia native and was an instructor at one time at Shaw Field.

• The Christmas Eve Ball at the Cadet Club was the highlight of the holiday three-day open house. Hundreds of Shaw Field aviation cadets, their wives and Avi-aides enjoyed the dance. The room of the club was lovely with greenery and Christmas decorations. A light buffet supper was served during the evening. Members of the 311th Air Force orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

• Cadet Francis Gregg Horne, a member of the June fourth (freshman) class at The Citadel, has been declared eligible to wear gold stars for academic excellence during the current quarter. His average for the three months period ending Dec. 4 was between 90 and 100 percent. Cadet Horne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Horne of Sumter. He graduated from Edmunds High School last May. At The Citadel, Cadet Horne is taking the pre-medical course and is cadet corporal and is assigned to the band. In addition to doing good work in his studies, he is taking an active part in extracurricular activities on the campus.

• E. W. Dabbs Jr., 49, prominent farmer of Salem Black River community, died today at the veterans hospital in Columbia. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Stella Glasscock of Rock Hill; and the following children, Lt. E. W. Dabbs III, now on duty in Africa; Ensign W. A. Dabbs; Miss Louise Dabbs; Thomas Dabbs; and Joe Dabbs. Also, two brothers, James and McBride Dabbs; two sisters, Miss Sophia Dabbs and Mrs. Walter Thompson. Funeral services for Mr. Dabbs, who was a lieutenant in World War I, will be conducted at Salem Brick Church, Dr. J. M. Waggett, his pastor, officiating.

• Appointment of Second Lt. Louis M. Marks as public relations officer was announced by Col. R. C. W. Blessley, commanding officer of Shaw Field. He succeeds Lt. Harry T. Moore, who left recently to assume new duties in Washington. Lt. Marks is a graduate of Rutgers University. He was associated with several newspapers including the *New York American* and the *New York Post*, prior to entering the service in April 1942.

• Capt. C. Jack Girard has received the Legion of Merit for slipping behind enemy lines and sending valuable information back to the Allies, it has been learned. Capt. Girard is with an armored reconnaissance battalion somewhere in Italy. He has been in foreign duty for a year.

• Pfc. Gilbert G. Lowery of Sumter has been cited for gallantry in action "somewhere in Italy," it was learned. Pfc. Lowery has been presented the Purple Heart. He was seriously wounded and the rest of the members of his machine gun squad killed when they fought a delaying action to cover the withdrawal of fellow soldiers in an Italian battle. Pfc. Lowery's company was advancing on high ground when they met heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The company was forced to withdraw and consolidate its forces. Lowery's machine gun squad held its ground and delayed the enemy long enough for the main company to get back to safety. Lowery was the only one in the squad not killed.

• A large crowd of boys and



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1993 — Late-model drivers Mike Carter of Hemingway, Lee Mintz of Columbia and Marion Sizemore of Jacksonville, Florida, get in some laps before the main event at Sumter Rebel Speedway.

girls were expected to be at the Teen Y Canteen, recreation hall of the YWCA. The hours will be 8:30 to 11, and informal dancing will be enjoyed. Several times a week, the canteen is used by senior high students who dance, play ping pong and other games under the supervision of adult hostesses from the Business Girls' Club. Miss Edith Wells, Girls Reserve secretary of the "Y," is director of the canteen.

• The war department announced the names of two South Carolinians killed in action: Pvt. Luther P. Geddings Jr., of Alcolu, killed in action in the Mediterranean area, and Burrell B. Capehart of Boykin has been killed in action in Germany, relatives here have learned.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

Aug. 25 — 31

• District No. 17 students other than first-graders will attend school from 8:30 a.m. until noon the first day for room assignments and issuance of books. School buses will leave at noon and 3:10 p.m. every day. Lunches will be served beginning Wednesday, Aug. 29, for grades 2-12. First-graders, who will be dismissed at noon the second day, Aug. 28, will continue this dismissal hour through Sept. 6 except at Central School, where the dismissal hour will be 11:45 a.m.

• The show biz motto "The show must go on" was followed at the fairgrounds by participants in the 4-H Horse Club show. Originally slated to run from 3 to 10 p.m., the show lasted until 1:30 Sunday morning because of rain that twice held up proceedings. Fifty contestants brought 60 horses to participate in the show.

• Tonight's championship game is game No. 13 in the American Legion Baseball Southeastern Regional Tournament, and it'll be unlucky for either Athens, Georgia, or Timmonsville. Only one of these two teams will be going to Manchester, New Hampshire, for the Legion's Little World Series later this week as Southeastern Champion, and the other will get a runner-up trophy and go home.

• Spins and wrecks took a lot of the life out of the racing program at Sumter Speedway on Saturday night, but many fans thought that it was the greatest program of the year. Since the regular program lasted longer than was planned, the first race for the radio announcers was postponed until this Saturday night. Even so, seven local disc jockeys, flagman John Long and former rodeo rider Stoney Burke were on hand to try their hands at racing.

• Marine Lance Cpl. George A. Branch, 20, who lived in Sumter two years, was killed in action Aug. 18 in South Vietnam. Branch, the son of Master Sgt. (Ret.) and Mrs. Norman Branch, attended McLaurin Junior High School from 1963 to 1965 while his father was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. He has several relatives in the Sumter area. His parents now live in Bosier City, Louisiana.

• Timmonsville took advantage of two Athens, Georgia, errors and turned in three double plays at crucial moments to capture a 3-0 victory over the Georgia team and win the American Legion Baseball Southeastern Regional Championship at Riley Park. The errors helped Timmonsville to all three of its runs, while the three double plays, all of them started by pitcher Mike Anderson, stifled the Athens team's comeback efforts.

• A total of 10,644 students reported yesterday for the opening day of city schools. According to District 17 Supervisor Dr. L. C. McArthur, it was a normal first day of school, in spite of several potential problems. A rumor of a slight racial incident at Millwood Elementary School was denied by Dr. McArthur and Principal James H. Carson. Both said the opening of Millwood proceeded in a normal way in spite of the fact that the black student population there is larger now than it was last year. Dr. McArthur said he anticipated no special racial problems during the year, though he said he expected a few students to transfer to private schools.

• The Christian Academy of First Baptist Church of Manning will begin its 1968-69 school year with opening exercises at 9 a.m. in the First Baptist Church auditorium. Bobby Richardson of Sumter has been invited to address patrons and students.

• Last week a teenage girl from the Midwest and her family stopped here on their vacation. The girl had been born in the 363rd Tactical Hospital many years ago, and, strange as it may seem, wanted to come back to Shaw to visit the old building. She must have been a little disappointed to see the old building falling beneath the hammers and cranes of the wrecking crews. But that's progress. The old buildings that had served so well for so many years are making way for the new building.

• Mrs. Lola Mae Hall, assistant chief operator for Southern Bell Telephone Company here, has retired after 37 years' service. At a luncheon in her honor, Mrs. Hall was presented a corsage and a gold pin containing seven diamonds by Bell's district traffic manager L.P. Williams. Mrs. Hall joined Southern Bell at Hartsville in 1925, where she served as operator, supervisor, evening chief operator and chief operator. With the conversion of Hartsville to dial in November of 1957, she moved to Sumter as assistant chief operator.

• Genevieve Cusenier of Besancon, France, is finally getting a vacation during her trip to the United States this summer. Genevieve has been visiting in Sumter with Natalie Moses, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Moses, who lived with Genevieve two summers ago in France as a participant in the Experiment in International Living.

• Town and Country Manufacturing Co. of Sumter passed a rather formidable milestone yesterday when its

5,000th mobile home unit rolled off the assembly line at its plant on South Guignard Drive. The half-million-dollar factory which began operations in April of 1964 now employs 218 personnel, most of whom are Sumterites, who turn out 185 complete mobile homes a month, as compared to two mobile homes completed by only 70 employees during the first month of operation in 1964.

• The Henry Curtis Edens Jr. family of Dalzell has been named to receive one of six Master Farmer awards for 1968 given by Progressive Farmer magazine in cooperation with the Clemson Extension Service. The honors, given only every six years in the state, will be announced in the September issue of Progressive Farmer.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

May 28 — June 3

• Drivers disciplining riders on Sumter School District 17 buses next year may only have to say, "Smile, you're on candid camera." District officials say they are planning to purchase three cameras that would be rotated among the district's buses to maintain discipline and better supervise students and drivers.

"This is a move to support the drivers, who are doing a really good job," District 17 Attendance Transportation Supervisor Lamar Atkins said.

• Laidlaw Environmental Services is pushing for an appeal hearing on a \$113,000 fine levied against it a year ago by the Environmental Protection Agency. The fine stemmed from a report about water monitoring and cleanup at Laidlaw's hazardous waste incinerator in Roebuck.

"There's been no other action. No paperwork or exchange of letters," Laidlaw spokesman Roger Davis said. "We would like to be heard on appeal, and we have not been granted that appeal yet by EPA."

• Lee County won't have to borrow \$150,000 to make it through this fiscal year after all. Lee County Administrator Barry Hickman announced at the county council meeting that an unexpected \$132,000 has been added to the budget for fiscal 1992-93, which runs through June 30. The money was needed to get through the month of June, but the county received a \$41,000 grant from the state parks and recreation department, and \$91,000 of expenditures will be postponed until the next fiscal year.

• For the first time in recent history, local veterans will place flags on all veterans' graves in four Sumter cemeteries during Memorial Day services. Traditionally, flags are placed on graves at Evergreen Cemetery. Veterans groups this year will also cover Sumter Cemetery, Hillside Cemetery and Walker Cemetery.

• In addition to losing an F-16 fighter squadron, Shaw Air Force Base will also see two of its other squadrons cut from 24 to 18 planes each under Air Force structure changes. Shaw will lose the 33rd Fighter Squadron and its 24 F-16s this summer, and the 17th and 19th fighter squad-

rons will lose six F-16s each, for a total base loss of 36 jets. Even with the losses, taking into account the 18 F-16s that were temporarily reassigned to Shaw from Homestead Air Force Base after Hurricane Andrew hit the Florida base, Shaw will be left with only 18 fewer F-16s than it had before the storm.

• In the middle of Summerton, a town too small to have a public library, a black cultural center is struggling to spring to life. The force behind creating the center is the Scott's Branch '76 Foundation, a 400-member, nonprofit organization devoted to improving the appearance and economic conditions of Summerton. Alice Doctor Wearing, founder and president of the 4-year-old group, says a black cultural center would be used "for showcasing products and creations that express the broad range of African-American culture that surrounds the Summerton community."

• Thursday Night Thunder stretched well into Friday morning at Sumter Rebel Speedway before Joey Griffin was declared the winner of the 50-lap Late Model main event. Manning's Ed Gibbons started on the pole and led from start to finish but was protested by second-place finisher Griffin, who started on the outside of the front row and held second throughout the race. The side panel on Gibbons' car was found to be slightly over the maximum length allowed, and after more than two hours of discussion, Griffin was awarded the first-place trophy and \$2,000 winner's check. Because of some confusion concerning the interpretation of the rules, Gibbons was awarded second-place money.

• Bishopville rallied in the third and fourth innings to win its first state baseball title in more than 50 years at the University of South Carolina's Sarge Frye Field. The Dragons, who stayed out of the state high school poll all season and were predicted to finish fourth in Region IV-2A, defeated Furman 4-3 to win the 2A state championship. The last time Bishopville won a state title was in 1939.

• A festive air pervaded the University of South Carolina at Sumter's Nettles-Schwartz auditorium during the Musical Extravaganza — a fitting atmosphere for the annual Iris Festival event. The concert ended the 1992-93 season for the Community Concert Band, the Civic Chorale and the Community Jazz Ensemble. The three groups were conducted by the irrepressible Patrick Veltre, who sliced the air with his hands as a lion tamer cracks his whip.

• A scant three days had passed since perhaps the most disappointing loss of his young baseball career. But Sumter senior Bo Betchman wasn't dwelling on the Gamecocks' consecutive losses to Mauldin in the 4A baseball state championship series. Sumter's shortstop was beginning another quest as the starting second baseman for Sumter's American Legion baseball P-15's: a third-straight state championship. The P-15's were preparing to meet Macon, the defending Georgia state champ, in a doubleheader at Riley Park as Betchman spoke of a high school season that fell two games short of a championship.

• Clarendon County is home to a new paper cup manufacturer, the only such minority-owned business in the United States. American Paper Products Inc. has already started limited production near Turbeville in a 10,000-square-foot building on U.S. 378 that was occupied by the Byrd Equipment Co. until it closed three years ago. The business will swing into full operation initially employing three shifts of five workers each.

Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

Call the newsroom at: (803) 774-1226 | E-mail: pressrelease@theitem.com

Is homegrown food safer? If you are cautious

BY DEAN FOSDICK
The Associated Press

Food safety often is cited as the primary reason why people grow their own edibles, but that's frequently an illusion. Food-borne illnesses are almost as likely to be caused by homegrown produce as by fresh foods acquired elsewhere.

"The odds are better there won't be any contamination from the things we grow ourselves, but no fresh foods are safe," said Jeanne Brandt, a family and community health specialist with Oregon State University Extension. "Gardening and cooking are a food safety continuum. Safety must be considered with every step in the process, from pre-planting to placing meals on the table."

Surveys have shown that home gardeners don't understand that soil, compost, human and animal manure and water are potential sources of disease-causing bacteria that can contaminate produce. Instead, "they were most concerned about chemical contamination," Brandt said.

Food safety starts with the right vegetable-garden location.



"You want to know what's been on that (planting) space," Brandt said. "Did the previous owner have a lawn there that could have been exposed to lots of chemicals? Was there any runoff from roads or driveways? Was it a place where people walked their dogs? Those questions also apply to community gardens."

Many novice gardeners haven't embraced routines aimed at keeping

their garden spaces orderly and their hands and tools cleaned, Brandt said.

Almost half of all food illness outbreaks in the United States are caused by fresh produce. That largely means greens, lettuces and row-crop vegetables eaten raw. Children, the elderly and pregnant women are most at risk.

But some simple practices can be used to reduce the risks of produce contamination and prevent food-borne illnesses in the garden as well as the kitchen. Consider:

- **Soil amendments.** "Composted or aged manure or other soil amendments containing any animal components such as manure, meat, egg shells or bones are not recommended for gardens as they may not be thoroughly processed and thus contain food-borne pathogens," said Sanja Ilic, an assistant professor and food-safety specialist with Ohio State University Extension. Compost prepared from grass clippings or plant trimmings are good alternatives.

- **Irrigating.** City water is safest because it's usually treated. "Drip irrigation is the safest way to apply the irrigation water because there is no direct contact with the edible portion of the produce," Ilic said.

- **Restricting wildlife, poultry and pets,** whose feces carry food-borne pathogens.

- **Preventing cross-contamination** from dirty tools and table surfaces when harvesting. "Always wash your hands before entering the garden or harvesting; after handling compost, plant debris or garbage; after touching a pet or farm animal; and after using the toilet," Ilic said.

- **Storage.** "Washed produce should be dried before storage," Ilic said. "Berries, broccoli and similar should be washed only prior to serving to avoid mold development."

"Cooking is a highly effective step in destroying bacteria that might be there," Brandt said.

Public health officials say there isn't much you can do to treat food-borne disorders, but it's important to replace lost fluids and electrolytes. Stay hydrated until the ailment passes.

Some over-the-counter meds may help stop diarrhea.

For more about reducing the risk of contaminating the food grown in your garden, see this University of California Master Gardener tip sheet: <http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8366.pdf>.

What's in a name?

Yellow flies swarmed just outside the windows of my truck.

When I stopped the truck, I sat for a moment or two until they seemed to lose interest and drifted away. They are vicious biters but are slow to react and are easily swatted away.

Whenever I see them, I think of Yellow Fly Lane. It was just a narrow path that we cut through the big swamp.



Dan Geddings

The work was done in the summer, and the yellow flies were bad that day. We named the trail after those unrelenting flies.

There are many interesting names for things in the outdoors. Some are obvious, and we understand the connection. Others may be a mystery to us.

Mahoney Crossing was the name of the old dirt road that crossed the big swamp. That name was a mystery to me for years. There were no Mahoneys living in the area. None buried in the local cemeteries that I had visited. So why the name?

I found a likely answer a few years ago. Occasionally I stop and walk around old graveyards. There is so much history to experience in those places. One day I stopped at the old Calvary Baptist Church on Panola Road.

There were the graves of Tindals, Packs and Geddings and one Mahoney. He had been the pastor of the church many years ago — before automobiles and paved roads. In my mind, I could see him in a buggy or riding a horse on the causeway across that big swamp from his home to his church.

In that same area was a big tract of woodland. A timber company bought the property and cut all the trees. We had hunted the land for years but had never realized how much topography was there. With the trees gone we could see the rolling hills and deep valleys. Someone remarked that it looked like a golf course, and the name stuck. It is

wooded again but is still called The Golf Course.

Hunt club roads can get some common and unique names. There is the Sandy Road, the River Road, The Horseshoe, Lovers Lane, Elbow and Cathead, but I think my favorite road name is Shoot Yo Leg Alley. It is a narrow dirt lane through the Upper Swamp on the Edisto. It got its name when a tinhorn hunter decided to practice his quick draw skills with a new pistol. Someone told him to be careful or "you will shoot yo leg" which is exactly what happened.

The land itself or certain features of the land can have a name. Consider the Georgia Ditch. A land speculator from Georgia had the incredibly deep ditch dug by hand years ago, to drain a Carolina Bay for farming. It didn't work out. There is Big Bay near the town of Pinewood and Goose Bay in Bamberg County where I turkey hunted for years.

The Indian Camp is a swath of land near Paxville. The early settlers to the region pushed the local Indians out of the area, and they camped for a time in the dismal swampy woodlands. Hunters, farmers and some older locals still call the place The Camp.

Sparkleberry Swamp is named after the small trees that are common there. Otter Flat is the main water course that runs through The Swamp. There are Pine Island, Snake Creek, Broadwater and Indigo Flats. Dead River is a large oxbow lake that is unexpected when encountered among the narrow creeks and cypress flats.

The high bluffs inland from Sparkleberry give rise to the High Hills of the Santee. The High Hills stretch out across northern Sumter County. In my opinion, they are our rose.

In William Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet, there is the phrase "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." To me, names are like a rose; they are the essence of a thing or a place. Names can bring memories flooding back into our conscious thoughts and put a smile on our face. They can anchor our everyday experiences.



America's recreational boating industry preps for busy summer

Sales are at a 10-year high

BY BUSINESS WIRE

CHICAGO — Data released recently by the National Marine Manufacturers Association show that unit sales of new powerboats increased 5 percent in 2017, reaching 262,000, the highest levels the U.S. recreational boating industry has seen in 10 years.

What's more, total marine expenditures were at an all-time high in 2017 at \$39 billion (spending on new boats, engines, trailers, accessories and services), up 7 percent from 2016. Boat manufacturers are expanding capacity to meet this demand — building new plants and increasing production, supporting recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis that U.S. manufacturing gross output increased to \$6.228 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2017.

"As the strong economy continues to bolster new boat sales and boating expenditures, capital spending and manufacturer optimism are at record highs, creating one of the strongest periods on record for the U.S. boating industry and a buyers' paradise with more boats and more options on the market," said NMMA president Thom Dammrich. "Economic factors such as an increase in GDP, improving housing market, strong consumer confidence and growing disposable income are spurring demand for new boats. The growth trajectory recreational boating is continuing to see is healthy and steady as the industry works to bring new buyers to the market across all segments, from small aluminum fishing boats to large cruising yachts."

Demand is growing for nearly all powerboat segments, including small sterndrive (boats with engines that are partially in and out of the boat) cruisers (22 to 32 feet), a segment that has lagged since the recession. Small sterndrive cruisers rebounded to a three-year high, up 5 percent from 2016, accounting for 52 percent of all sterndrive boat sales. Outboard boat sales, representing 85 percent of new traditional power-

U.S. RECREATIONAL BOATING BY THE NUMBERS

Annual U.S. sales of boats, marine products and services totaled \$39 billion in 2017, an increase of 7 percent from 2016. There were approximately 262,000 new power boats sold in 2017, an increase of 5 percent from 2016. Leading the nation in sales of new powerboat, engine, trailer and accessories in 2017 are the following 10 states, nine of which saw double-digit growth:

Florida: \$2.9 billion, up 10 percent from 2016
Texas: \$1.7 billion, up 12 percent from 2016
Michigan: \$982 million, up 12 percent from 2016
North Carolina: \$838 million, up 16 percent from 2016
Minnesota: \$807 million, up 12 percent from 2016
New York: \$735 million, up 4 percent from 2016
California: \$718 million, up 14 percent from 2016
Wisconsin: \$713 million, up 12 percent from 2016
South Carolina: \$637 million, up 12 percent from 2016
Georgia: \$632 million, up 11 percent from 2016

Source: NMMA's 2017 Recreational Boating Statistical Abstract

boats sold and including pontoons, aluminum and fiberglass fishing boats, as well as small fiberglass cruising boats, were up 5 percent in 2017.

Sales of new ski and wakeboard boats, popular for watersports, were up 8 percent in 2017; new personal watercraft sales, often considered a gateway to boat ownership, rose 5 percent; and jet boats, smaller fiberglass boats that use jet engine technology to propel the boat, saw a sales increase of 8 percent.

It's not just new boats Americans are buying; there were an estimated 988,200 pre-owned boats (powerboats, personal watercraft and sailboats) sold in 2017, the highest pre-owned boat unit sales since 2006, totaling \$9.3 billion in sales, an increase of two percent from 2016. There are nearly 12 million registered/documented boats in the U.S. in 2016 (2017 data will be available in July 2018).

the Sumter ITEM CLASSIFIEDS

To Place Your Classified Ads, Please call

803-774-1200

OR TO PLACE YOUR AD ONLINE GO TO WWW.THEITEM.COM/PLACEMYAD

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

11:30 a.m. the day before for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday edition.
11:30 a.m. Friday for Sunday's edition.

We will be happy to change your ad if an error is made; however we are not responsible for errors after the first run day. We shall not be liable for any loss or expense that results from the printing or omission of an advertisement. We reserve the right to edit, refuse or cancel any ad at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost & Found

Found near Hwy 15 S. Black & Tan Yorkie mix. Contact 803-565-1780 to prove ownership.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Lawn Service

JT's Lawn Care
Cut shrubs & limbs, Clean flower beds, straw or mulch, debris removal, pressure washing. 803-840-0322

Legal Service

Attorney Timothy L. Griffith
803-607-9087, 360 W. Wesmark. Criminal, Family, Accident, Injury

Roofing

Robert's Metal Roofing
35 Yrs exp. 45 yr warranty. Financing avail. Expert installation. Long list of satisfied customers. 803-837-1549.

All Types of Roofing & Roofing Repairs All work guaranteed. 30 yrs exp. SC lic. Virgil Bickley 803-316-4734.

Tree Service

Tree removal, stump grinding, & pressure washing. Jenkinson Tree Service, LLC. Fully insured. Call 803-847-8014 for a free estimate.

Ricky's Tree Service Tree removal, stump grinding, Lic & ins, free quote, 803-435-2223 or cell 803-460-8747.

A Notch Above Tree Care Full quality service low rates, lic./ins., free est BBB accredited 983-9721

MERCHANDISE

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

SUPER YARD SALE
Sumter United Ministries Fri & Sat June 1 & 2 8 & 9 from 7-3 "HUGE BAG SALE" & "LOTS OF JEWELRY" Liberty & Artillery

Lawn / Garden / Nursery

CENTPEDE SOD 100 sqft - \$25; 250 sqft - \$55; 500 sqft- \$100. Call 499-4717 or 565-4403

For Sale or Trade

Commercial Speed Queen Washers and Dryers. Multiple Frontload Units Available. \$350 Set or \$275 Washer & \$150 Dryer Call 803-775-4119 M-F, 8-5

4 Cemetery Plots in Evergreen Cemetery \$4000 for all 4 OBO Call 803-775-4045

New & used Heat pumps & A/C. Will install/repair, Call 803-968-9549 or 843-992-2364

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Now hiring assemblers, machine operators, material handlers, and much more in Sumter. If interested, please contact Trisha Fennessey at 781-328-8205, or email trisha@dbhealthcare.com

Grace Baptist daycare has positions for part time, possibility for full time. Please resume to P-481 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

EXTEND YOUR REACH. GROW YOUR CLIENTELE.



ADVERTISING WITH US WILL GROW YOUR SALES!



WWW.THEITEM.COM

Help Wanted Full-Time

Truck Driver Needed! Home every night. \$1500-\$2000 wklly with \$1000 sign on bonus. 1 yr of experience and CDL is required. Call or text 704-968-7319.

Nesbitt Transportation is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

Central Carolina Technical College vacancy: Mechatronics/Industrial Maintenance Instructor Kershaw County Campus.

Serves as an Instructor in the Mechatronics Program; teaches classes such as Industrial Skills, Principles of Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Mechanical Troubleshooting, Mechanical Power Applications and Drive Systems primarily at the Kershaw County Campus; advises students; assists with student recruitment and retention; participates in curriculum and instructional materials development and assessment functions; serves on college committees; participates in college outreach activities and maintains collaborative working relationships with business and industry; develops and implements a professional development plan that supports the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the position and participates in College professional development activities; and initiates activities that expand job knowledge in content area and in technology. Must have an Associate degree in Industrial Maintenance Technology or other closely related degree and three (3) to five (5) years relevant industry experience. Anticipated start date is August 7, 2018. Apply online at <http://jobs.sc.gov> or apply in person between 8am-4pm, Mon-Fri at the Human Resources Office, Central Carolina Technical College, 506 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 or fax a SC State application to 803-778-7878. CCTC is an EOE/AA employer.

Morris College, a private four year Liberal Arts College in Sumter, South Carolina, is seeking to fill the following position(s): CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICER. Responsibilities would include patrolling the campus to ensure the security of persons and property, maintaining good order, investigating incidents of disruption on the campus, and controlling campus traffic. Effective Immediately. Submit letter of application and personal resumé to: Director of Personnel, Morris College, 100 W. College St., Sumter, SC 29150-3599. Morris College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

Full time stock person needed for busy liquor store. Call 917-660-5915.

Help Wanted Part-Time

Exp. Trailer switcher needed in Sumter to move trailers in yard. Do washouts & minor repairs. Thurs., Fri. & Sun. 7 am - 5 pm. Must have 2 yrs exp. CDL & clean driving record. 803-938-2708 M-F 9am-3pm lv msg with experience.

Work Wanted

Job Wanted: Elderly Care 803-565-2068 18 years experience.

Job Wanted: House and Office Cleaning. 803-305-1244.

RENTALS

Rooms for Rent

Male housemate wanted for nice home in downtown historic area. Two blocks from Tuomey Hospital. Call Stephen 803-565-7924.

Unfurnished Apartments

Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)
Shiloh-Randolph Manor
125 W. Bartlette.
775-0575
Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available EHO

HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS RENTS FROM \$650 PER MO.

LEASING OFFICE LOCATED AT ASHTON MILL APARTMENT HOMES 595 ASHTON MILL DRIVE 803-773-3600

OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9-5

3BR/1BA new paint, new floors \$600mo+Dep. Contact Terry 803-458-8333 or 803-494-4046 and Tina 803-840-4968

Unfurnished Homes

12 Burgess, 3 Br, 1 Ba, CHA, \$545 mo. Sec. Dep. 803-983-5691 or 803-305-1581.

Mobile Home Rentals

2BR 1BA SW located off 521 South. \$400 Rent & Deposit. Call 803-464-5757

Office Rentals

Office space for rent. Available now, 2 private offices, shared conference room. Guignard/Bultman area. Utilities furnished, can be rented separately. For info call 803-773-7526 or 803-775-6800

REAL ESTATE

Land & Lots for Sale

31.0 acres near Elliot. 13.5 acres near St. Charles, owner financing. Call 803-427-3888 or harryvies@hotmail.com

Autos For Sale

SPORTY VERY CLEAN Solid White-2005 Dodge Status RT, 2 door, moon roof, 131,000 miles, \$4000 OBO 803-983-5648

LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO. 2017-DR-43-0288

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

JENNIFER BYRD, Plaintiff, vs. MILTON BYRD, Defendant.

TO: MILTON BYRD, THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer this Complaint for Divorce, a copy of which is hereby served upon you. You are required to serve a copy of your Answer to this Complaint upon

Summons & Notice

the undersigned subscriber at:

Ryan W. Lane, Esquire THE LANE LAW FIRM, LLC 3600 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC 29205

within thirty (30) days after service, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within thirty (30) days, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in this Complaint for Divorce.

THE LANE LAW FIRM
Ryan W. Lane, Esquire
3600 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29205
(803) 790-9958 (office)
(803) 790-9830 (fax)
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Sumter Zoning Ordinance on **Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 N. Main St.). The following requests are scheduled for consideration:

RZ-18-04, 835 S. Harvin St. (City)
A request to rezone a +/- 0.99 acre parcel located at 835 S. Harvin St. from Residential-6 (R-6) to General Commercial (GC). The property is represented by Tax Map # 250-09-07-024.

OA-18-03, Mobile Vending (City)
Request to amend relevant portions of Article 5, Section B: Specific Conditions and Standards for Conditional Uses and Special

Public Hearing

Exceptions; Article 5, Section C: Temporary Uses; and Article 10: Definitions of the City of Sumter Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to make Food Trucks a temporary use subject to annual review, expand the districts in which mobile vendors may operate, and expand the types of vehicles permitted to be used as mobile vending units.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Mayor



1 Bedroom Apartments for 62 YEARS AND OLDER

- Refrigerator
- Central Heat & Air
- Community Room
- Range
- Handicap Accessible
- Coin Operated Laundry Room
- Blinds
- Emergency Call System
- Carpet
- Ceiling Fans

****Rent Based On 30% of Adjusted Income****
****Utility Allowance Given****

Southview

60 Hilliard Drive • Sumter, S.C. 29150
For application or information, please call
803-934-1449
TTY 800-735-8583



the Sumter ITEM

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

Call, email or fax us today!
classified@theitem.com • (803) 775-1024 FAX

(803) 774-1200

CONTRACTORS WANTED

MAYESVILLE LYNCHBURG, ELLIOTT & ST. CHARLES HOME DELIVERY

If you have good, dependable transportation, a phone in your home, and a desire to earn extra income

Call REDA at 774-1257

the Sumter ITEM

36 W. Liberty St. • Sumter, SC

Going on vacation?

Don't Miss A Thing!

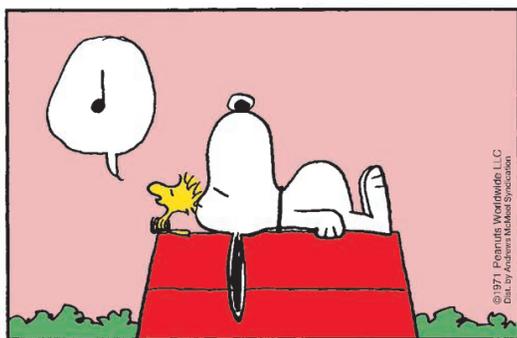
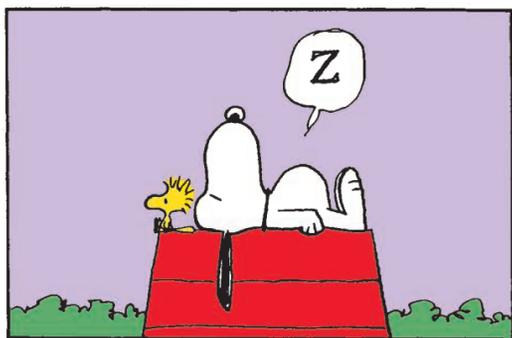
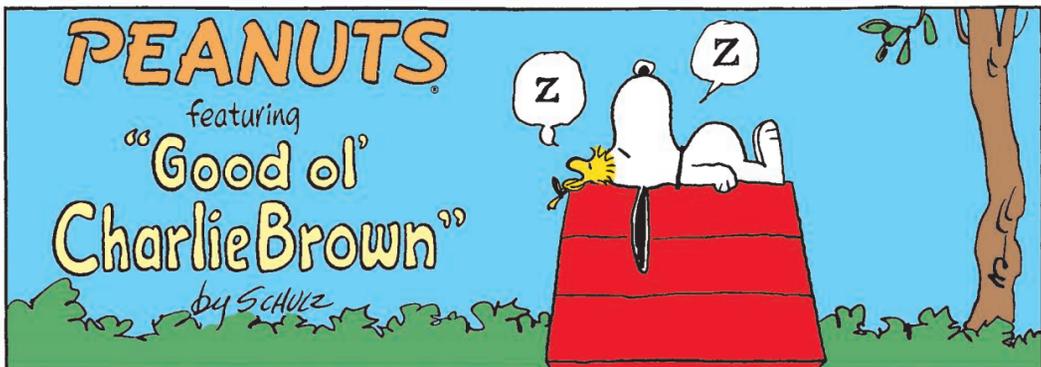
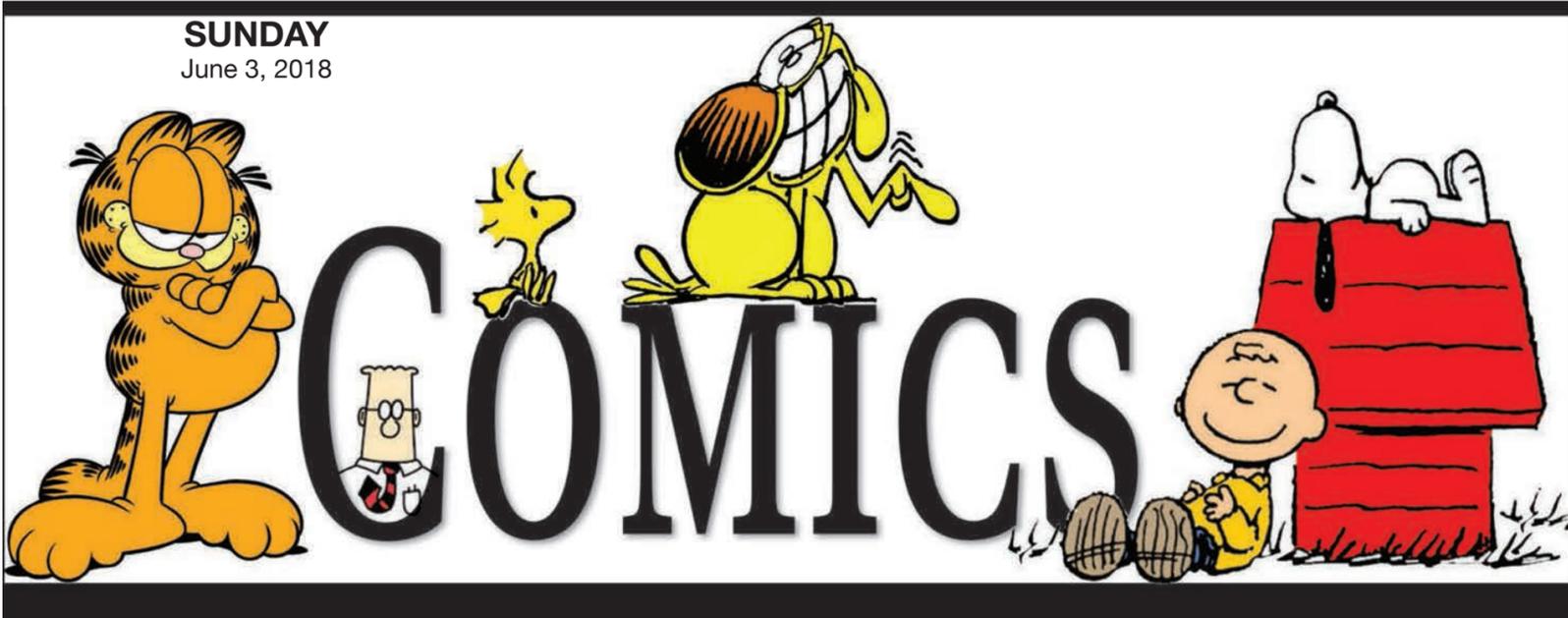
Let your carrier save your paper for you while you are on vacation!



CALL 803-774-1258

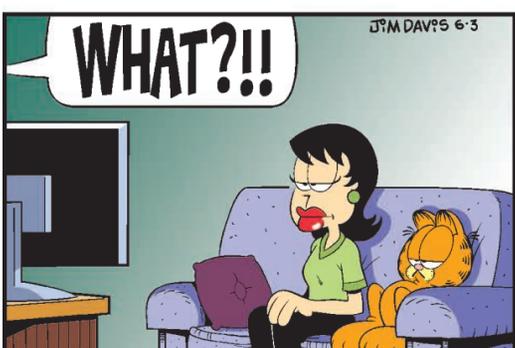
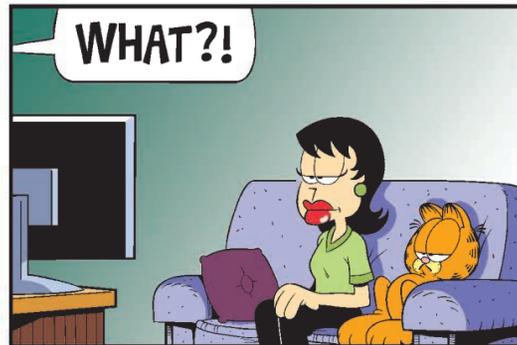
Customer Service
Dept. Hours
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

the Sumter ITEM 36 W. Liberty Street 803-774-1258



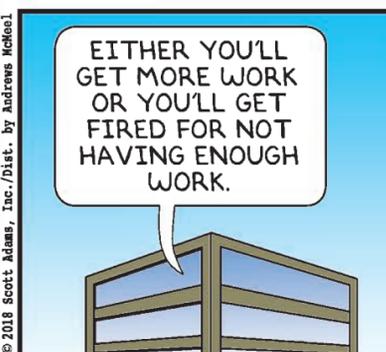
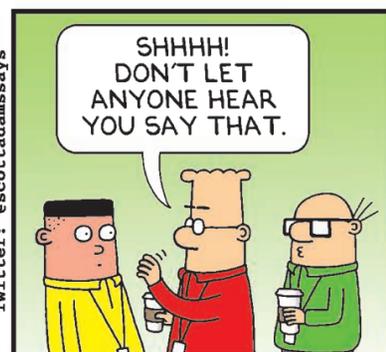
GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



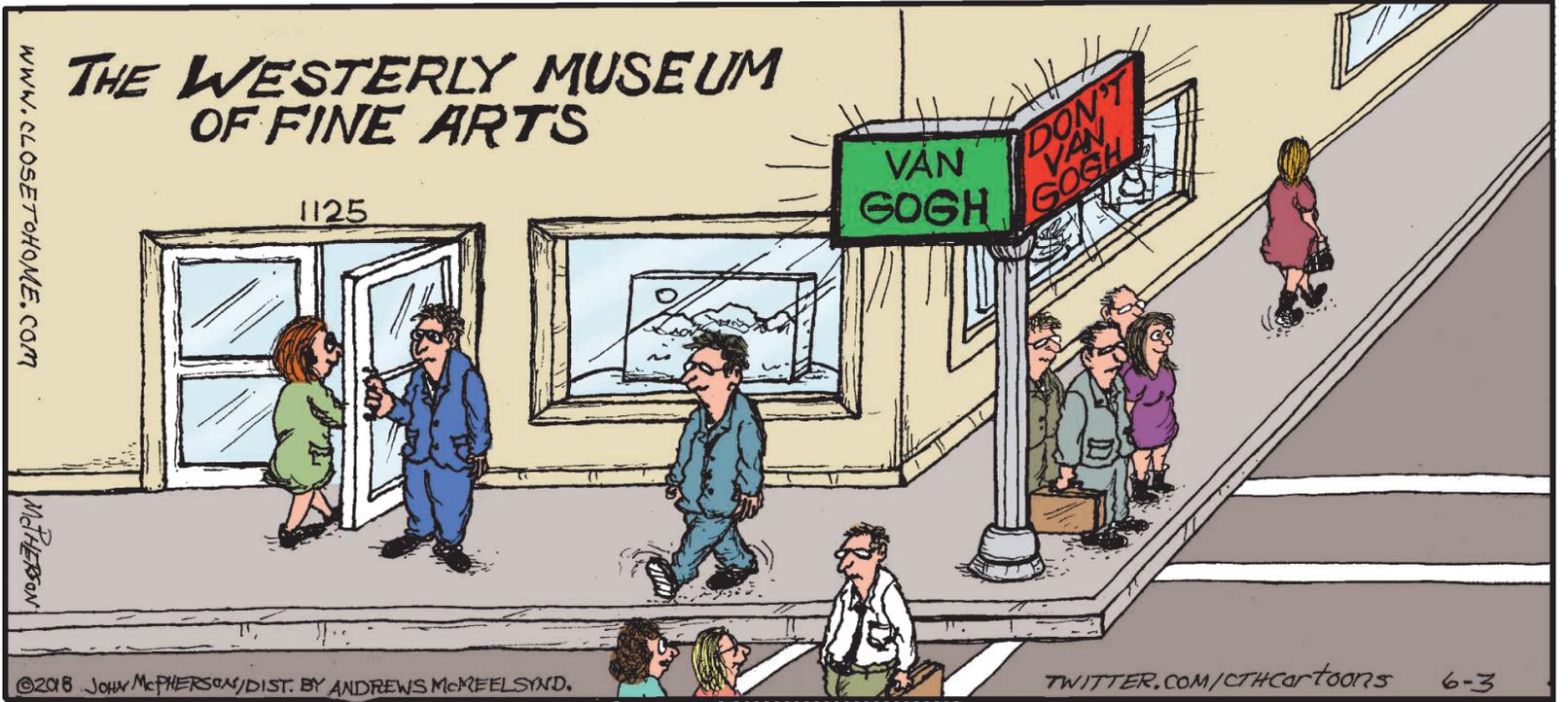
DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS



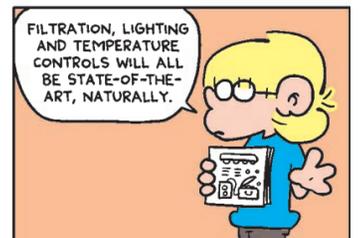
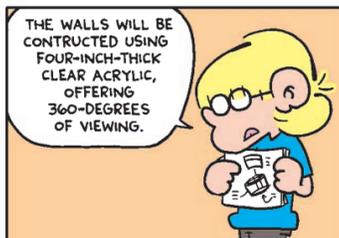
CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON



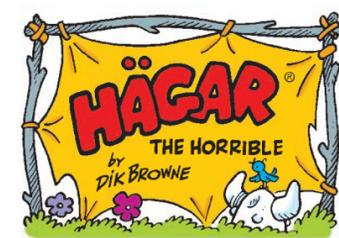
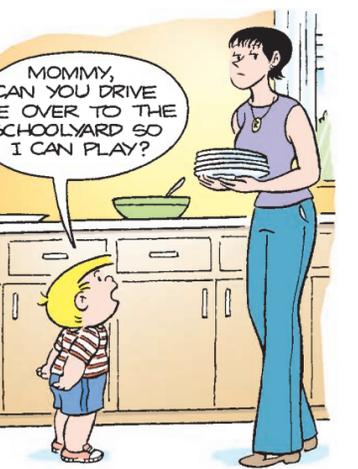
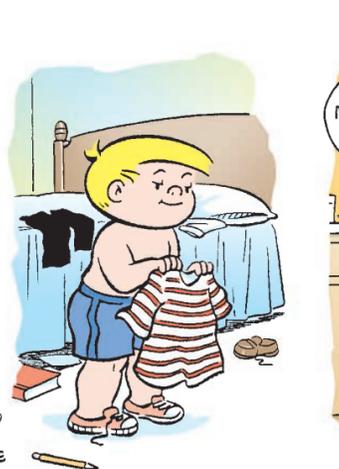
FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES

By FOO TE & SACKO

WHOSE PET IS WHOSE??

6-3

WE WALK OUR PETS 3 TIMES A DAY, FROM NEPTUNE TO THE MILKY WAY!

Send your riddles and puns to: Doodles, P.O. Box 105, Excelsior, MN 55331 www.facebook.com/doodlescartoon

Doodle Zoo

I WAS GOING TO PLANT SOME HERBS IN MY GARDEN, BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE THYME.

DRAW!!

DRAW A RAINBOW!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT IS HARD TO BEAT FOR BREAKFAST?
A. A BOILED EGG.
Nan Grelling, Lexington, MA

Q. WHAT CAN FLY TO THE MOON AND TASTES GREAT AT PARTIES?
A. ROCKET CHIPS.
Josh Fisher, Norman, OK

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

6-3

©2018 by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Side mirror is longer. 5. Bouquet stem is lower. 6. Line is added to sidewalk.

FRANK AND ERNEST

THIS PASSWORD DIDN'T WORK. NEXT LET'S TRY LINING UP WITH LETTERS BEFORE NUMBERS.

ARE YOU SURE YOU USED YOUR NAME IN THE PASSWORD?

YOU SHOULDN'T USE THE YEAR YOU WERE BORN. IT'S NOT SECURE.

WE'RE "SPECIAL" CHARACTERS. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THESE GUYS!

UGH! THAT DIDN'T WORK EITHER!

C'MON! CONCENTRATE! ONE MORE ERROR AND YOU'LL BE LOCKED OUT!

THAT WAS A VERY STRANGE DREAM. I'VE REALLY GOTTA START WRITING DOWN MY PASSWORDS.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

SMILE..WAG YOUR TAIL

SLIPPERS?

NEWSPAPER?

7:02

OKAY, WE'RE DONE

HAPPY HOUR 5 TO 7:00

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

WHERE'S THE WIZARD?

HE'S WORKING IN HIS LAB, SIRE

FINE! I'LL TIE MY OWN SHOES

ROAR

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU WORKIN' ON?

A LOVE POTION

THAT EXPLAINS A LOT ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

PAWS OFF! THAT CANDY IS FOR THE TRAP DOWNSTAIRS.

THAT BOWL OF CANDY? WHAT DO YOU CATCH WITH IT?

NOTHING YET, I—

CLEARLY YOU'VE BEEN REFILLING IT FOR MONTHS! SO IT'S NOT SO MUCH A "TRAP" AS IT IS A BAIT DELIVERY SYSTEM!

IT'S A LONG-TERM PLAN. I'LL EXPLAIN.

WHEN I HEARD THAT FUNGO AND HIS FILTHY FRIENDS LIKED CANDY, I—

WAIT, IT'S FOR FERRETS?! HA HA!

THEY TAKE THE CANDY. THEY EAT THE CANDY. AFTER 6 TO 8 YEARS, THEY'LL DIE OF CANDY OVERLOAD.

WHAT?! I'M SO ANGRY, I—

RELAX. HAVE A LARDY LOG.

NO, I—OH! SUGAR FLAVOR...

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

I HAVE TO SUBMIT THE DATES I WANT TO TAKE MY VACATION.

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON YOUR VACATION PLANS?

WE LOVE CAPE COD, SO WE'RE GOING TO GO THERE THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST FOR SOME GOOD BEACH WEATHER.

GREAT CHOICE! THE CAPE IS LOVELY THAT TIME OF YEAR.

HAVE YOU MADE ANY VACATION PLANS YET, UNCLE TED?

NOTHING SPECIFIC—WHEN YOU'RE RETIRED, EVERY DAY IS A VACATION!

