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- 1 Peter 1:3

Keeping the faith

Rev. Bowen nearing 50 years at Cherryvale church

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The Rev. Ed Bowen has quite the story to tell. The fact that he's been senior pastor now at one church for 49-and-a-half years is pretty amazing. But a ministry that he's helped lead there — and what the church might be best known for — is

probably the most unbelievable of them all.

Bowen, 83, has served as senior pastor at Cherryvale Baptist Church in the Cherryvale community of Sumter County since October 1967. In 1973, he describes, God led the church to integrate and accept blacks in the congregation, making it most likely the first integrated church in the county.

The integration of churches at that time in the South was virtually unheard of, Bowen says, but he simply describes it as obedience to God's will for the church. Bowen's own personal background makes the story of the church's early integration even



THE FAMILY IN 1968

PHOTO PROVIDED

Ed and Margaret Bowen are shown with their three boys and two girls in 1968, shortly after he started his pastorate at Cherryvale Baptist Church in Sumter.

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Easter event has kids searching for goodies

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Hundreds of children from the surrounding region descended on Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on Saturday morning with their Easter baskets in hand for Sumter County Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt. The kids brought their parents and families along, too, and with plenty of sunshine, fields full of colorful eggs — and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny — a good time was had by all, according to many in attendance.

Wen Wen Zhu brought her 3 year-old son, Quiqiu Chen, and his grandparents from Columbia for Saturday's festivities.

After Quiqiu picked up a few eggs and put them in his Easter basket — with his grandfather in tow taking photos with his smart phone — his mother spoke.

"He's having a good time," Zhu said. "We wanted to come and visit Swan Lake, and his grandparents wanted to come also."

Fellow 3-year-old, Sara-Londyn Richburg of Manning was also at the festivities with her parents. Her mom, Shannon Richburg, said it was Sara-Londyn's first big hunt.

For 5-year-old Tamia Collins, it was her first-ever Easter egg hunt, according to her mother, LaSorsha Collins. Collins, an airman at Shaw Air Force Base, had just told Tamia they were



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A toddler picks up her first Easter egg at the beginning of Saturday's Sumter County Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens. Hundreds of kids, their parents and families, and the Easter Bunny were in attendance.

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Deputy helps clear Palmetto Trail

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The Palmetto Trail, connecting approximately 350 miles of walking trail from the mountains of South Carolina to the ocean, gives visitors an up-close look at numerous natural features and wildlife.

Among the many volunteers helping to preserve and maintain the trail is a Sumter County deputy who clears passages in his free time.

Capt. Jamie Turner with Sumter County Sheriff's Office said

he grew up spending a lot of time outdoors working on his family's farm and began exploring the many trails of Poinsett State Park in Wedgefield out of curiosity in April of 2015. "I've always been outside, but as a deputy I got pulled indoors," Turner said.

You never know what you will see or what kind of wildlife you'll come across, he said.

Since 2015, Turner has volunteered with Palmetto Conservation Foundation to clear the trails. He focuses on clearing and maintaining portions of the trail in Clarendon and Sumter coun-

ties and has helped clear a portion of the Eutaw Springs Passage after receiving a call from another volunteer there.

During the week, Turner tries to leave work and make it to the park in time to still have a few hours of daylight to clear the path.

Turner said, if he can get to Poinsett by 7 p.m. this time of year, he can usually work on about 2 miles of the passage.

Turner sometimes works with



Sumter County Sheriff's Office Capt. Jamie Turner clears 2 to 4 miles of the Palmetto Trail after work, depending on the sunlight. He carries a variety of equipment depending on what he expects to encounter on the trail.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

May 2 Special Election only open to 5th District voters

The Sumter Office of Voter Registration and Elections has issued a statement reminding voters that only voters residing in U.S. Congressional District 5 are eligible to vote for a candidate seeking the office of U.S. Representative in the Special Election Primary on May 2 or the Special Election on June 20.

Sumter County precincts not in District 5 include: Mayesville, Salem, St. John, Morris College, Crosswell, Loring, Lemira, Magnolia-Harmony, Stone Hill, South Red Bay, Savage Glover and Bates.

For more information, call (803) 436-2310.

Manning City Council to consider comprehensive plan

Manning City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St., in the City Council Chambers.

The agenda includes citizens comment, committee reports and a resolution honoring the Manning High School junior varsity basketball team.

Council will receive a draft of the City of Manning Comprehensive Plan Update from Susan Landfried, planner for the Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments, and will hear reports from the finance director, mayor and city administrator.

In new business, council will consider adopting the 2017-27 Comprehensive Plan and will hear an appeal of a planning commission action affecting 234 Commerce St.

Council will meet in executive session to consider a property acquisition.

For more information, call (803) 435-8477.

Colonial Cup joining Carolina Cup as springtime races

CAMDEN — The Colonial Cup is moving to the spring.

The Carolina Cup Racing Association's board of directors has decided to cancel the fall card at the Springdale Racecourse and run both of its premiere steeplechase events in the spring.

The Colonial Cup will continue as a grade one race with the Carolina Cup, typically the kickoff to the National Steeplechase Association season, will be for novice jumpers on the same card.

South Carolina has hosted the Carolina Cup each spring and the Colonial Cup in November, a time when the minds of most sports fans in the state are focused on football. Organizers think having both races in the spring will help attract fans and make it easier to plan sponsorships.

CORRECTIONS

The Friends of Swan Lake Gardens spring meeting, at which artist Grainger McKoy will speak, will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, not April 18 as was printed in a caption in Friday's edition. Members and prospective members, who may join at the meeting, are invited to attend.

A cutline in the Thursday, April 13 edition of the Clarendon Sun was incorrectly identified the church sponsoring an annual mission to Honduras. The church sponsoring the mission is the Pinegrove Southern Methodist Church.

Fire damages Bartlett Street home

BY JIM HILLEY
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A home in the 400 block of Bartlette Street suffered extensive damage in a fire Friday afternoon.

Lillie McFadden said she has lived in the home since 1977, and was at home by herself and plugged in a small fan to cool off while watching TV. She lived there with

her adult son, she said, but he was not present when the fire started.

"There was a little popping and I turned around and saw the fire," she said.

McFadden said she called 911.

"Then I got out," she said.

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According to Sumter Fire Department Battalion Chief Joey Duggan, the call came in at 2:01 p.m. and the house was 25 percent involved when first responders arrived. He said the fire was under control at 2:25 p.m., but caused about \$75,000 damage. He said 18 firefighters from the headquarters, Alice Drive and Manning Road fire stations responded to the call.

"It's probably not going

to be livable," Duggan said about the house.

McFadden said she would be able to stay with her daughter, who works for Sumter Police Department.

She did not have any pets, she said, and wasn't too concerned about losing her possessions.

"I don't worry about material things," McFadden said. "I thank God I'm alive."

Shaw FD training grounds get upgrades

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20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
Special to *The Sumter Item*

The 20th Civil Engineer Squadron fire emergency services' training grounds are receiving upgrades scheduled to be complete by the end of April.

The upgrades, worth \$650,000, include renovating the aircraft fire trainer and structural fire trainer, which are tools used to perform controlled fire exercises.

The structures are being updated due to condition and age and will provide new training opportunities to the firefighters, keeping their skills sharp so they can focus on protecting Airmen.

"The aircraft fire trainer is a critical part of the firefighter's upgrade training," said Greg Farley, 20th CES fire emergency services chief.

"They're on an Air Force Base; they have to be certified airport firefighters, they have to get licenses on the crash trucks and the aircraft fire trainer is all part of that. If that's not working, our operation takes a big hit in what we can do."

The renovations to the aircraft fire trainer include replacing pipes, wires and the right-wing assembly, which simulates engine fires.

A two-and-a-half story building is also being added to the structural fire trainer, increasing square footage and the amount of "burn rooms," rooms specially insulated to contain real fires for the firefighters to train in, replicating a house fire.



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Contractors work on renovations to an aircraft fire trainer and a structure fire trainer at Shaw Air Force Base on April 6. The renovations include repairing the simulated aircraft and adding an additional building to the structure, which will give 20th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters advanced training opportunities.

Shaw Fire Department has a mutual aid plan with Sumter County, allowing 20th CES firefighters to fight house fires off-base.

Training with real fires also allows the firefighters to gain experience using equipment and dealing with the intense heat and smoke conditions.

"Having these upgraded facilities at the training grounds will definitely help Airmen who come in from technical school because it will give them a more realistic idea of what they're going to be seeing," said Airman 1st Class Adrian Roybal, 20th CES firefighter.

With the new building, Shaw fire-

fighters will be able to practice feeding sprinkler systems, ventilating rooftops and performing search-and-rescue missions with movable walls, enabling the house layout to be changed.

Farley said the movable walls will challenge firefighters going through the training, preventing them from memorizing the floor plan.

The 20th CES fire emergency services provide fire and medical response, helping to keep Shaw and the community within a 5-mile radius safe; the investment to renovate the training grounds will promote their readiness, keeping them fit to fight fires.

City council continues budget discussion on Tuesday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers on the fourth floor of the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

Council will consider appointments and continue discussion on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

A resolution authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement between Sumter Police Department and City of Bishopville Police Department will be considered.

Council will consider the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the

transfer of property located on the south side of Liberty Street between Main Street and Harvin Street to Sumter County, and the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of approximately 1.0 acres of City-owned property located at 3905 Vinca St. to a private developer.

Council will also consider procurement resolutions authorizing a contract award for a new well at the Mayesville Water Plant; supplementing Resolution No. 695, which authorized a contract award for the site work for the Public Safety Complex;

and authorizing a contract award for the purchase of one 30 foot x 72 foot modular building for the Police Firing Range.

At 6 p.m., council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance reducing the rear setback requirement from 25 feet to 15 feet, specifically for a portion of Lot No. 11 (Tax Map No. 203-00-05-037), and will consider public comments and the first reading of an ordinance to rezone nine parcels of land at 801 N. Main St., from General Commercial, Limited Commercial and Residential-6 to Planned Development for

the development of a three-story, urban multi-family apartment building with as many as 70 units and as much as 7,000 sq. ft. of multi-tenant retail space on the first floor.

Council members will comment on matters of interest, receive public comment and hear updates from the city manager.

Council may meet in executive session to discuss contractual matters and appointments to boards and commissions, if necessary.

For more information, call City Clerk Linda Hammett at (803) 436-2578.

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Don't worry about the lean



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The new building for the headquarters of Sumter Economic Development, near Liberty and Main streets, started going vertical Thursday when construction crews lined up beams for the structure. But don't let the leaning ones fool you. They're bolted down and are meant to have a lean to them.

Poor circulation's hidden signs

Pain in your legs, muscle cramps, swollen feet or ankles may be caused by sitting or standing for prolonged periods of time. There is literally a lot of pressure on the veins in your legs every day. Getting blood to your lower extremities isn't difficult, it's returning blood to your heart that is. Unlike blood that is forcefully pumped from the heart and flows with gravity, there is no pump of force in the feet or legs to propel the blood up against gravity.

The body's circulation system is responsible for sending blood, oxygen and nutrients throughout the body. When blood flow to a particular area is restricted, symptoms like tingling, numbness, throbbing, pain and muscle cramps in the limbs can occur. Poor circulation is most common in the extremities, the arms and legs.

It is important to know that poor circulation isn't a condition. Rather, it is a result of other health issues. Poor circulation may indicate that a disease is in a progressive state. When caught early, diseases that lead to poor circulation are treatable. The most common causes of poor circulation are obesity, diabetes, heart conditions and arterial issues.

Peripheral artery disease can lead to poor circulation in the legs. The blood vessels and arteries narrow, restricting blood flow. This is similar to arteries that narrow due to



Missy Corrigan

age 50 but can even occur in younger people, especially those who smoke.

Sitting or standing for long periods of time can reduce blood flow often leading to broken blood vessels or varicose veins. Varicose veins can't move blood efficiently causing poor circulation and even blood clots. These damaged veins have become engorged due to valve failure. Women are more likely to have them but men who are overweight or obese are more likely to develop them.

Blood clots that develop in your arms or legs can also reduce or block blood flow caus-

ing circulation problems. If left untreated, the clot can travel to other parts of the body, including the heart and lungs, which can lead to a stroke or even death.

Over time, restricted blood flow can cause nerve or tissue damage. Since poor circulation is due to underlying conditions it is important to speak with your doctor so the most appropriate tests are administered. Treatment depends on the condition causing it, but some methods include medications, compression socks, exercise, or surgery for varicose veins.

In the meantime, exercise regularly, drink plenty of water, take frequent breaks from prolonged sitting or standing and elevate your legs above your heart for 15 to 20 minutes every day.

Missy Corrigan is executive of community health at Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymca-sumter.org.

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Police urging safe operation of golf carts

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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To ensure that you and your family make the best of the warm weather this summer, Sumter Police Department provided the following information about golf cart safety:

Golf carts are top-heavy vehicles with a low turn radius, said Staff Sgt. Robert Singleton, supervisor of the department's Selective Enforcement Division, which includes traffic patrol.

He said there are at least two golf cart wrecks every year.

Singleton said there were two wrecks in 2016 involving underage drivers. EMS responded to both incidents, and one individual was transported to the hospital, he said.

Most often, officers see drivers with very little driving experience and no license operating the low-speed vehicles, he said. Golf carts usually reach speeds between 10 to 15 mph, he said.

Singleton said the city's laws follow state legislation, which states that a golf cart owner must have a permit for the vehicle as well as insurance.

Also, according to state law, only those who are 16 and older with a valid driver's license can operate a golf cart.

Golf carts can only be driven during the day on secondary roads where the speed limit is 35 mph or less, or on a designated golf cart path, Singleton said.

A golf cart path is a pathway separated from a road by a concrete curb or parking spaces or is at least 4 feet away from the roadway, he said.

That does not include sidewalks, he said.

And, the vehicles can only be operated within 4 miles of the owners' residence.

Singleton said golf carts can be used to cross primary roads as long as the driver stays on a secondary road once he or she crosses over.

Because golf carts are classified as vehicles, penalties could mirror those associated with normal traffic offenses, he said.

Singleton said the department's primary focus is to educate the public and make sure golf carts are operated safely, not to write tickets.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Town of Pinewood: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the RUS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Town of Pinewood (Town), of Sumter, SC. The proposal is for construction of approximately 7,800 linear feet (LF) of 4", 32,600 LF of 6", 32,700 LF of 8", 124,000 LF of 10", and 5,100 LF of 12" new water lines, one (1) new 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, and one (1) booster pump station to serve approximately 505 new customers. The Town has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rusty Craven, Area Specialist, RUS; 531 Robertson Blvd., Suite A, Walterboro, SC 29488; 843-549-1822, ext. 128; rusty.craven@sc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Town of Pinewood proposes to construct approximately 7,800 linear feet (LF) of 4", 32,600 LF of 6", 32,700 LF of 8", 124,000 LF of 10", and 5,100 LF of 12" new water lines, one (1) new 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, and one (1) booster pump station to serve approximately 505 new customers.

Hybrid Engineering, Inc., an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

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Clay Smith

I, Judas Iscariot, a troubled soul, do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament. In a few moments I will end my life, because I have committed the most despicable deed, and I can no longer live with myself.

Just eight hours ago, I betrayed my Master, the one I believed would deliver my people from the Roman oppressors.

Now he hangs on a cross, beaten, sure to die before the sun goes down.

I will die before him, though only God knows what waits for me on the other side of death.

I began to follow Jesus three years ago. I had heard of him, of course. His teaching was like no other: plain, understandable. A power radiated from him.

When he beckoned me to follow him, I cast aside my labor, left my father and mother and went with him. Something in him kindled hope in my own heart.

The miracles amazed me; such power!

Could such power be used against the Romans? Could Jesus drive them out and restore the Kingdom of Israel, the Kingdom of God? That was my hope, my dream, my passion.

I knew Jesus was closest to Peter, John, and James, of course. But I knew I was special to him. Soon after our journey together began, he ap-

proached me with the sack of money given to him by some well-meaning women. "Look after it," he said. He trusted me.

Why then did I betray this man? I thought he was losing touch with reality. During the past three months, he talked about his death and then coming back to life. The words were clear enough, but we did not understand what he meant.

For all his talk about the Kingdom of God, it was plain he was not going to raise an army to fight the Romans. The hopes I had for our people began to dim.

During this last week, it was obvious Jesus was on a collision course with our leaders. It was on Tuesday, when he was teaching in the Temple, that something in me broke. He spoke of being a judge, of coming back at an unexpected time.

I saw him turn his back on financial security for his ministry and watched perfume worth a great sum flow onto

the floor, wasted with the dust.

The thought entered my mind: What if I told the religious leaders where to find him? They would reward me. Jesus would have the chance to show his power and be the Messiah I expected him to be. Or I would realize my dreams had been placed in the wrong man. Either way, I could force him to reveal who he truly was.

I made my deal with the religious leaders; I sought my chance; I led the soldiers to the place I knew he would be. Then I called him "Master" for the last time and kissed him.

The soldiers pushed me aside. I stood on the fringes of his trials. A sinking feeling began to overtake my heart.

Why was he not displaying his power? As I watched him stand before Pilate, a wave of nausea hit me. He was going to let himself be killed. I knew nothing he had done was deserving of death. A rush of memories flooded my soul: the time he calmed the storm, the way he smiled at me, the compassion in his voice when he told me last night, "Do it quickly."

As they led him off to Skull Place, I charged the smirking priests. "He's innocent," I cried. "Stop this! Take back your money."

With cynical smiles they smirked. "It's out of our hands now, and yours."

I threw the money at them and ran from the plaza. I passed a rope dealer and a

plan leapt into my mind. I purchased a length of rope, enough to do the job.

Now, I sit under the shade of this tree, penning these words, in hopes that whoever finds them will learn from me: I should have stayed with Jesus, even when I did not understand.

I leave my cloak, my sandals, and all my possessions to my brother Justus. May my shame not touch him or my parents.

A hangman's noose awaits. God have mercy on my soul.

Will you stay with Jesus even when you do not understand?

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church.

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ARTHENIA J. BATES MILLICAN

Sumter native named to Academy of Authors

Novelist, poet, humanist honored posthumously

BY IVY MOORE
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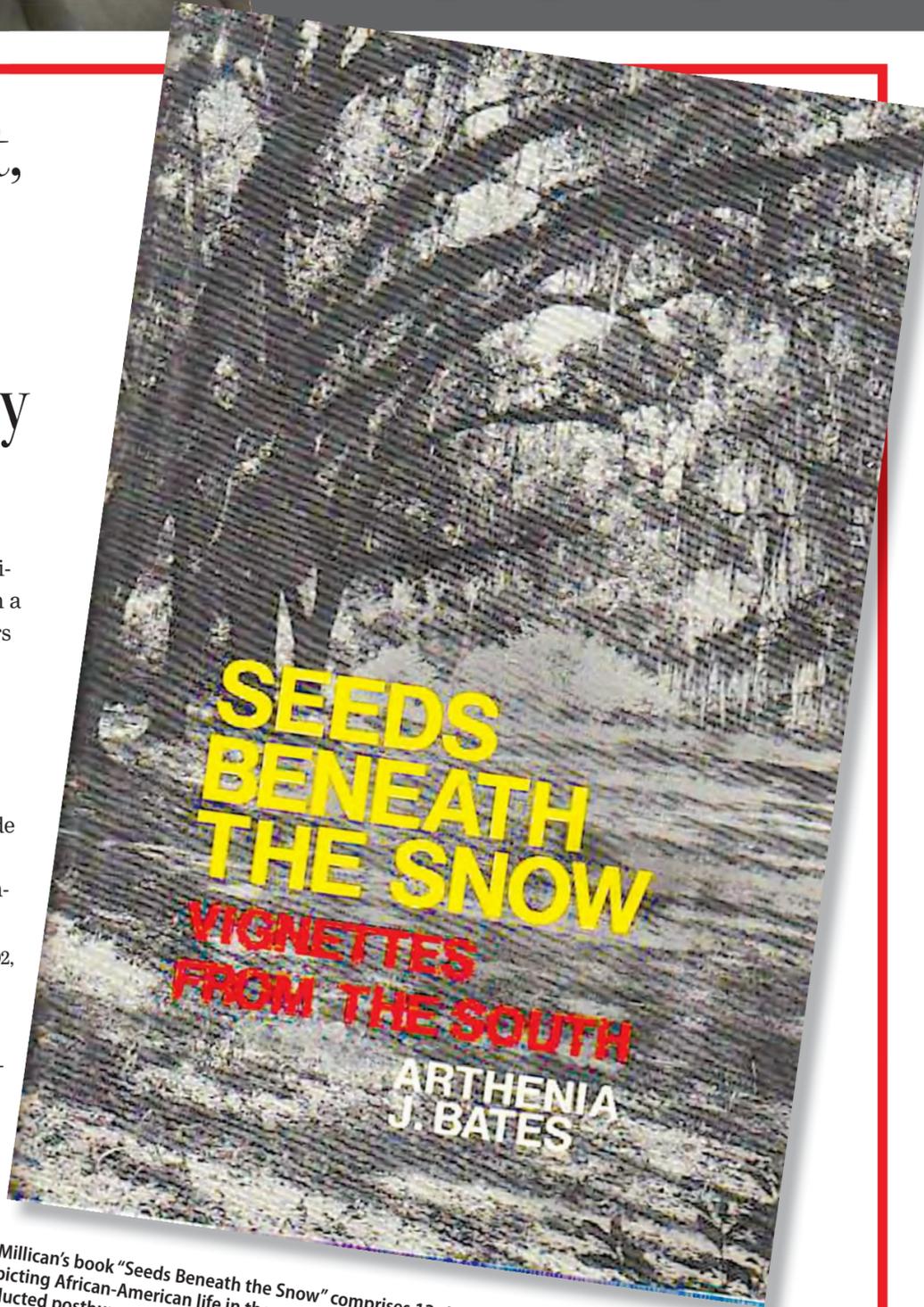
The late Arthenia J. Bates Millican, a Sumter native, will join a distinguished group of writers when she is inducted into the South Carolina Academy of Authors in a special ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center in Florence. Other honorees will include poet Cathy Smith Bowers, historian Dan T. Carter and Pulitzer Prize winner Jim Hoagland, journalist.

Millican, who died in 2012 at the age of 92, taught at Morris College and was internationally recognized for her fiction writing, poetry and essays. Former Sumter resident Nikky Finney, winner of the 2011 National Book Award for Poetry and a 2013 Academy honoree, will give the introductory remarks for Millican's induction.

Millican's most celebrated work, the short story collection titled "Seeds Beneath the Snow: Vignettes from the South," and her novels, "The Deity Nodded" and "Such Things from the Valley" have inspired comparisons to Alice Walker, Zora Neale Hurston, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Thomas Hardy and Richard Wright, among others. She was often described as a "humanist of rural Southern folk" and was recognized around the world for her work.

A Lincoln High School graduate, Millican finished Morris College, where she later taught, received a master's degree from Atlanta University in 1948 and her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 1972. Her doctoral dissertation on James Weldon Johnson was titled "In Quest of an AfroCentric Tradition for Black American Literature."

Millican began her career as a teacher and department head in S.C. and Virginia public schools, studied poetry with Langston Hughes and saw her own writing pub-



Millican's book "Seeds Beneath the Snow" comprises 12 short stories and character sketches depicting African-American life in the rural South. It was first published in 1969. Millican will be inducted posthumously into the S.C. Academy of Authors on April 22.

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lished in the "Oxford Companion to African-American Literature," Essence, the Negro Digest, the College Language Association Journal and other distinguished publications. It was not until 1969, when she was almost 50, that Millican published "Seeds Beneath the Snow," which still enjoys an international reputation.

Praised extensively by critics with *The Washington Post* and the *CLA Journal* for her primitive themes and unique ability as a "local colorist," Millican's work has been described as "words that continue to move

and engage us today, a quarter- to a half-century after she first shared her visions with us."

Among the many honors she received during her long career were a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts; the Distinguished Alumni Award from Morris College; Who's Who in America. Millican's work is included in both the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts and Letters in the Beinecke Library at Yale University and the South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina. The AJBM Literary Foundation was established in Sumter to preserve her legacy.

Other area writers in the Academy include Elizabeth Boatwright Coker, James McBride Dabbs, Marian Wright Edelman, Nikky Finney, Susan Ludvigson and Dori Sanders.

Millican's short story based on the aftermath of the Emmett Till murder can be read online at <http://w.emmettillmurder.com/Bates.htm>. It is included in her collection titled "Seeds Beneath the Snow: Vignettes from the South."

ABOUT S.C. ACADEMY OF AUTHORS

Established in 1986 by Anderson College English Professor Paul Talmadge to "encourage and inspire the literary arts" and serve "to increase the reading of (inductees') works by the general public and perhaps the rediscovery of the works of those recognized posthumously," the Academy's board of directors unanimously chose James Dickey as its first honoree. Joining him in the first class of inductees were William Gilmore Simms and Julia Peterkin.

Other early inductees include Pat Conroy, Louis D. Rubin Jr., Mary Boykin Chesnut and DuBose Heyward.

The Academy awards numerous fellowships, has honored 73 authors to date and will continue to do so, according to Thomas L. Johnson, a life member of the Academy of Authors Board of Governors.

Anyone interested in attending the April 22 induction ceremony can purchase tickets and get more information at the website sccademyofauthors.org.

ENGAGEMENT

Lamb-Lowery

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harold "Hal" Lamb Jr. of Kingstree announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia Kimball Lamb of Kingstree, to James LaVerne Lowery Jr. of Sumter, son of Mrs. Cassandra Mincy Lowery and Mr. James LaVerne "Jimmy" Lowery Sr., both of Sumter.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. McKenzie Sr. and Mrs. Mary Stuckey Lamb, all of Kingstree, and the late Mr. Troy H. Lamb Sr. of Lake City. She plans to graduate in May from University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Mincy of Sumter, Mr. and Mrs. William F. "Billy" McIntosh Jr. of Wedgefield and Mr. Robert L. Lowery of Sumter. He graduated from University of South Carolina in 2016 with Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration, Management



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and Real Estate. He is the owner of Florence Heating and Air.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 16, 2017, at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Kingstree.

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The couple is registered at www.theknot.com/us/olivia-lamb-and-james-lowery-sep-2017.

WEDDING

Chappell-Rouse

COLUMBIA — Parker Margaret Chappell and Michael Lovell Rouse were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017, at The Lace House.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Dennis Chappell, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Parker and the late Mr. Robert Chappell and Ms. Carolyn Bradley, all of Sumter. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She is employed as catering sales manager at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Columbia.

The bridegroom is the son of the Rev. Michael Ellis Rouse of Moncks Corner and Ms. Julia Carolyn Lovell of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rouse of Bennettsville and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Lovell of Conway. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of

Arts in Psychology. He is employed as inventory manager at Capitol Chevrolet.

The Rev. Kevin Roberts officiated at the ceremony. Music was provided by The Columbia Strings Quartet.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a stunning A-line Jasmine gown of chantilly lace with the classic elegance of long sleeves and the modern romance of a plunging back. She carried a cascading bouquet of eucalyptus, ivory and blush garden roses and succulents.

Mrs. Emily Langford Isley served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ms. Megan Elizabeth Maberry, Ms. Chelsea Kathleen Vail, Mrs. Miranda Jean Scofield and Mrs. Grayson Miller Hopp. Eva Ruth Scofield served as flower girl.

Mr. Nathan Ellis Rouse served as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Adrian Player Chappell, Mr. Brett Justin Kent, Mr. Michael Christopher Spawn



MRS. MICHAEL ROUSE

and Mr. Steven Andrew Sancho. Wagner James Edward Duke served as ring bearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Dennis Chappell held the reception at the Lace House.

The Rev. and Mrs. Michael Ellis Rouse held the rehearsal party at The Big Apple in Columbia.

Following a wedding trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, the couple will reside in Columbia.

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The couple is registered at Belk, www.belk.com; Bed, Bath & Beyond, www.bedbathandbeyond.com; and Target, www.target.com.

Quiet rooms for autistic youth added to airports

BY BETH J. HARPAZ

AP Travel Editor

Quiet rooms for children on the autism spectrum are popping up at airports.

Shannon Airport, which serves the southwestern region of Ireland, opened a "sensory room" for children and adults with neurodevelopmental challenges, including autism, on March 29. The room is located off the airport's departure lounge. It's designed to be a soothing place, with features like a wavy wall and color-changing lights. The official opening of the room came ahead of World Autism Day on April 2.

On this side of the Atlantic, there are quiet rooms at airports in Myrtle Beach and in Atlanta.

Delta opened a multisensory room at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in April 2016 in partnership with The Arc, an autism advocacy group. The room, located in a quiet space on F Concourse, contains a mini-ball pit, bubbling water sculpture, a tactile activity panel and other calming features.

The quiet room at the Myrtle Beach airport also opened in April 2016. It came about after a local mom, Becky Large, approached airport administrators about providing "some sort of support for families."

"We came up with a quiet room at baggage claim, which has worked out wonderfully," said Large, who runs a group called Champion Autism Network and has two children, one of whom has Asperger's. A caregiver can stay with a child in the room while someone else "retrieves bags and rental cars. There are cubbies and seating and a glass door so the child can be cordoned off and can't run away. It gives them a place to decompress."

London Heathrow opened a quiet room in 2013 as part of a family lounge in Terminal 3. Though it's mainly for children, it's not necessarily for those with autism. It's open to any family that would like to use it.



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Myrtle Beach Airport's Quiet Room is designed for use as a calm space for travelers on the autism spectrum, especially children flying with their families who can benefit from a quiet space away from the usual hustle and bustle of most airports. It's one of several quiet rooms at airports in the U.S. and overseas.



Some airports and airlines also offer families with travelers on the spectrum opportunities to become familiar with airport experiences that may be stressful. Harrisburg International Airport in Pennsylvania, for example, offers a

"Wings for All" program that allows children with autism and sensory processing disorder to experience a run-through of what it's like getting on a plane, getting ticketed and getting seated so that they'll know what to expect

Ryan Cunningham takes in Shannon Airport's Sensory Room in Ireland.

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when it's time for a real trip. A similar program took place at Myrtle Beach earlier this year, and Shannon launched a customer care program last year, providing special caps and wristbands for travelers with autism and other special needs so staff can identify them and interact appropriately.

"Going through security even for those without autism can be challenging," said Michael Schiferl of Chicago, whose daughter is on the spectrum, but it's even more challenging for kids who are easily overwhelmed by beeping machines, taking off shoes and crowds. He said TSA workers have been "very helpful" when

told of his daughter's special needs.

Large also had her hometown, Surfside Beach, which is near Myrtle Beach, declared an "autism-friendly destination" last year, after restaurants, hotels, parks and other venues participated in training on how to interact with children with autism. For example, she said, they may "become overstimulated by light, sounds, smells, crowds," so a restaurant might seat their family in a "low-traffic area away from the kitchen."

Large said a bigger goal is to increase understanding at all levels for special-needs children who may exhibit unusual or awkward behavior.

"Many times when we leave the house with our kids, people look at you like you're a horrible parent," she said. "It results in a lot of judgment. Many people stay home. Our mission is to have them come out and play with us."

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Woman who lived in former slave cabin visits Smithsonian

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's been years since Isabell Meggett Lucas has been inside the tiny house she was born in, a former slave cabin where her ancestors sought refuge from the hot South Carolina sun.



MEGGETT

But the 86-year-old woman never envisioned that when she finally returned, the wooden two-room house would be viewed by millions of people inside the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture as an example of what home life was like for slaves in the South.

Visiting the new museum, open for a little more than six months now — gave Lucas and her family, a chance to share with museum curators a first-hand glimpse of how descendants of African slaves lived in the post-Civil War and Jim Crow South, their joys and pains and how they survived a hardscrabble life without electricity or other modern comforts.

"It's my home. We all lived there together, and we were happy," said Lucas, speaking softly as she stood outside the weatherboard cabin used dur-

ing slavery at Point of Pines Plantation on Edisto Island.

Smithsonian officials scoured the countryside looking for representations of slave cabins for years before choosing the Meggett family cabin on the coast of South Carolina, curator Nancy Bercaw said.

Lucas, her sister-in-law Emily Meggett and their family viewed the cabin Monday and Tuesday, where it was rebuilt as part of the "Slavery and Freedom" exhibition in the museum almost exactly as it was when the last occupant lived there in 1981. It is believed to be one of the oldest preserved slave cabins in the United States, and although the exact age of the cabin is not known, it sat on the Point of Pines Plantation from 1851 until it was moved plank by plank to the museum.

But Lucas, who lived there from birth until age 19, remembered something about the cabin that isn't in the exhibit.

"It had a big long porch on the outside," she said. "My momma would sit on that porch. The cool wind would be getting ready to blow off the rivers and such. The wind would blow and we'd sit on the porch ... when we would get tired, everyone would lay on that porch under blankets and quilts and go to sleep."

That's the importance of



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The back of a slave cabin from Edisto Island is on display at the National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. The two-room wood cabin dates to the 1850's and is prominently displayed in the history galleries of the museum. It is believed to be one of the oldest preserved slave cabins in the U.S.

having access to the people who lived in the house, because the porch was gone by the time the Smithsonian officials first saw the cabin, Bercaw said. People often think of history to be just about objects and things, when there's so much more they can learn, she said.

"They can give us such insight to what life was like on Edisto Island," Bercaw said. "Objects hold meaning within them, and as far as we're concerned, that meaning comes from the family" that lived there.

The museum is still collecting information about the

cabin, including the oral history of the Meggett family, recorded during their trip to Washington.

For example, the 84-year-old Meggett said she remembered coming over before she married Lucas's brother, and remembered Sunday afternoon games of hopscotch, jump rope and baseball in the nearby grass, where a base would be an old brick, and the children could run free through the grass and fields.

But slowly, she said, people moved away and the cabin eventually was abandoned. Meggett said she would occasionally visit, however, and

her last visit was only a month or two before they moved the cabin out of South Carolina. "There were five deer standing up there in the cabin," she said. "When they saw us, they jumped and ran. We stopped and watched them, and then we went on down to the landing and came back. Then I heard all of a sudden they were going to move the cabin, and when I got back, it was already gone."

People should know how they had to live in the past, Lucas said. "We had to work so hard," she said. "I hated it. I hated all farmwork, but I didn't have a choice."

But there were good times as well, and wonderful food, she said. "We ate grits and rice and cornbread, biscuits. When I got big enough I had to cook ... one thing I learned was how to fix biscuits. We had a fireplace. You see the fireplace here, they would build a fire in the fireplace and they would cook biscuits," Lucas said.

The matriarch said she tries to tell her younger relatives about what life was like back then, to share their family's history. Having the cabin in the museum will help people learn about what life was like in the past, she said. "People can look at that house and the pictures around it and know that everything didn't come easy back then," she said.

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FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR CLARENDON COUNTY

Pursuant to §6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Clarendon County Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2017 at the Administration Complex, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, S.C., to consider Ordinance #2017-02 to Adopt the County Budget for FY 2017-18.

General Fund FY2016/17 (current) Revenues:	\$20,665,485.00
General Fund FY2016/17 (current) Expenses:	\$20,765,485.00
General Fund FY2017/18 (budget) Revenue:	\$21,019,135.00
General Fund FY2017/18 (budget) Expenses:	\$21,107,854.00
Change in Operating Budget:	1.65%
FY2016/17 (current) millage for General Fund:	155.9
Millage (in dollars) for FY2017/18 Budget:	\$14,522,657.00

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG 2016 PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 6:00 pm, the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments, on behalf of Sumter County, will hold a public hearing at Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments, 2525 Corporate Way, Suite 200, Sumter, SC. This Public Hearing concerns an application to be submitted to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Grants Administration on or about May 5, 2017, for a Community Development Block Grant, Sumter County is requesting \$50,000 to carry out the following activities:

Development of Administrative project management and planning capacities to identify community needs, proposed goals and objectives, and develop COG staff capacity and carry out local government CDBG projects.

The Public Hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provision of the Sumter County Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the State of South Carolina's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, providing for the participation of the citizens of Sumter County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which will involve CDBG funds.

The Citizen Participation Plan and the Application are available for review at the Sumter County Administration Bldg., 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, SC, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Persons with questions or comments concerning the Public Hearing or the Citizen Participation Plan may contact Sharon Durden, ECS Operations Manager, Santee-Lynches Regional COG, 2525 Corporate Way, Suite 200, Sumter, SC, (803) 774-1988.

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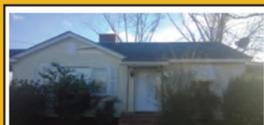


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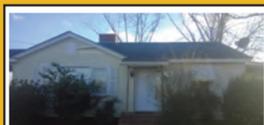


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Fort Mill man creates protection for your tailgate TV

BY JOHN MARKS
The Fort Mill Times

FORT MILL — Theron Pickens just wanted to make his Clemson football tailgate better. What he ended up with could improve the game day experience for Tiger, Gamecock and other fans throughout South Carolina and beyond.

Now one South Carolina group is putting \$200,000 toward making it happen.

South Carolina Research Authority announced three investments April 4 for its SC Launch program. P2 Ops in Fort Mill received money for its TV TOC Box product. Charleston-based companies working on health care management and philanthropy platforms each received the same amount to help grow their ventures.

“These companies are creating unique products in South Carolina that are garnering national attention,” said Bob Quinn, executive director with SCRA.

Pickens, a retired civil engineer from Fort Mill, is no stranger to business development. He has years on the Fort Mill Economic Council. He is incoming chair of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce. So when he saw a need before and after Clemson games, he went for it.

“It goes back a couple of

years,” Pickens said.

“We attend a lot of the tailgates from Clemson and things like that, and just from past experience we knew about the difficulties of having your TV there. You can drop your TV, or your TV falls. We were just looking for a way to protect your TV.”

The TOC Box — television outdoor carrier — transports and protects televisions up to 43 inches. It’s similar to concepts used to protect mobile phones. What begins as a waterproof carrying or storage case converts to a base, cover and outer frame protecting the television mounted inside it. They retail online at tv-tocbox.com for \$299.99.

“We’re also looking at some smaller versions that will be of value for folks who want to

take a TV camping, RVing, that type of thing,” Pickens said.

With possible uses from camping to outdoor living spaces, a main focus remains on tailgating season. The recent grant will be used to rev up production heading into the fall. Already there was an expo in Atlanta, and a national hardware and tailgating show is coming in Las Vegas.

“We have a product that no one knows about,” Pickens said.

If the TOC Box takes off, it will be a true South Carolina success story. Pieces are formed in Greenville and assembled in Rock Hill. It began as a Knowledge Park technology incubator program idea. Local businesses like Comporium and Williams & Fudge

are investing. A Clemson business student is coming on to help promote it.

Pickens isn’t even above, gulp, marketing it to Gamecock fans.

“We’ve already reached across those lines,” he said.

Since December, units have been sold from South Carolina to Texas to California. Units are portable, can hang up in a garage and are good for tailgating or “homegating.” Not to mention, Pickens said, the product changing the way many enjoy those same football games that first sparked the idea.

“It’s one of those things where we see the ability to enjoy the TV is more value than going into the game,” he said.

At large tailgates, on-site

televisions are ways to watch other games before and after the one inside the stadium. It’s easier to gather dozens around a television, Pickens said, than to buy that many tickets for everyone. Some people, his wife included, choose to stay and watch the game on television rather than enter the stadium.

“She’s more comfortable watching the game there, she gets a better viewing experience,” Pickens said. “Those types of things make a difference.”

For Pickens, the new product is part of an “encore career” but also something he hopes will bring people together. Even across lines of fandom running deep in a state he couldn’t have created his product without.

Clock ticking to bring forth road-funding solution

COLUMBIA (AP) — Finding a way to fix South Carolina’s crumbling highways will likely dominate the legislative session’s closing days.

Just 12 days remain on the legislative calendar for the General Assembly to compromise on an issue that legislators of both parties called their top priority for the year.

Business leaders are urging legislators to find a reliable, consistent stream of money to address what the Department of Transportation says is a \$28 billion problem.

A bill that funds roadwork by increasing the state’s 16-cents-per-gallon gas tax and other fees again faces a filibuster in the Senate.

Sen. Tom Davis, who blocked the last effort, has said he’ll do so again.

The bill up for debate in the Senate would eventually raise an estimated \$800 million additional yearly for South Carolina’s highway system — the nation’s fourth-largest with 41,400 miles of roadway. It includes raising the state gas tax — unchanged since 1987 — by 12 cents per gallon over several years.

“I pledge to stand and fight the establishment’s gas-tax hike with every ounce of energy I’ve got — including holding up the Senate all night with another filibuster if that’s what it takes,” Davis, R-Beaufort, said in a recent fundraising email.

While the House’s 97-18 vote last month on its plan represented a veto-proof majority, Gov. Henry McMaster’s pledge last week to veto any gas tax increase made the bill’s prospects in the Senate even dimmer.

McMaster also threatened to veto a bill borrowing \$500 million for statewide maintenance, half of which would go to public colleges. He wants to instead borrow up to \$1 billion for roads.

College presidents and students are urging McMaster to reconsider.

The Legislature has not passed a bond bill for repairing state facilities since 2001.

The borrowing bill up for debate in the House would allow colleges “to make critical renovations and repairs to facilities that simply cannot keep up with South Carolina’s rapid population growth,” student government presidents of University of South Carolina, Clemson and College of Charleston said in a joint letter signed Thursday.

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Lawyer: Little money involved in Trump sanctuary order

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President Trump's executive order withholding funding from communities that limit cooperation with immigration authorities applies to a small pot of grant money, not the billions of dollars that San Francisco and a California county say is at stake for them, a lawyer with the Department of Justice said Friday.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Chad Readler made the comments during a court hearing on lawsuits filed by the city of San Francisco and the Silicon Valley county of Santa Clara against Trump's order targeting so-called sanctuary cities.

Readler said the city and county were interpreting the order too broadly.

The funding cutoff applies to DOJ and Department of Homeland Security grants contingent on compliance with a federal law that prohibits local governments from refusing to provide people's immigration status to federal authorities, he said.

The order would affect less

than \$1 million in funding for Santa Clara County and possibly no money for San Francisco, Readler said.

The plaintiffs have argued that more than \$1 billion was at stake for each of them, citing all federal funds they receive for a variety of programs and services.

Sarah Eisenberg, a deputy city attorney in San Francisco, disputed Readler's claim, saying the city has money at stake.

Readler's comments about the money appeared to catch U.S. District Judge William Orrick by surprise. Orrick then questioned the point of the president's executive order.

The administration was using a "bully pulpit" to highlight an issue it cares deeply about, Readler responded.

John Kecker, an attorney for Santa Clara County, rejected Readler's interpretation and said the order referred to all federal funds now received by local governments that don't detain immigrants for possible deportation when they are due for release from jail.

"They've come up with a

further interpretation," Kecker said. "It won't wash."

San Francisco and Santa Clara County have asked for a court order blocking the Trump administration from cutting off funds to any sanctuary cities. Orrick did not immediately issue a ruling after Friday's hearing.

Readler said the request was premature because decisions about withholding funds and what jurisdictions qualify as sanctuary cities have yet to be made.

Mollie Lee, another deputy city attorney in San Francisco, said the Trump administration has labeled San Francisco a sanctuary city in public comments, so the city had good reason to believe it was a target.

The sanctuary city order was among a flurry of immigration measures the president signed in January.

The Trump administration says sanctuary cities allow dangerous criminals back on the street, and the president's order is needed to keep the country safe. San Francisco

and other sanctuary cities say turning local police into immigration officers erodes trust that's needed to get people to report crime.

The order has also prompted lawsuits by Seattle, two Massachusetts cities, Lawrence and Chelsea, and a third San Francisco Bay Area government, the City of Rich-

mond, though none of those cases has received a court hearing yet.

San Francisco, the first city to challenge the order in court, said in court documents that the president does not have authority over federal funds and cannot force local officials to enforce federal immigration law.

TRAIL FROM PAGE A1

Palmetto Conservation Foundation staff members who are in charge of maintaining local trails as well as local volunteers and volunteer groups.

He starts out by surveying the trails while riding a four-wheeler to see if trees need to be cut down or if shrubbery needs to be cut back. He then uses a chainsaw to remove trees and a mower provided by the conservation foundation to trim overgrown vegetation.

Turner said some of the maintenance work involves clearing trees that were blown down by Hurricane Matthew and creating alternative paths to avoid flooded area. It took a day and a half to clear about 50 trees that had fallen on one portion of the trail, he said.

And, telephone poles that have been split in half are sometimes used to create a clear passage over water, he said.

Turner said he cleaned up about 5 miles of the trail on Thursday and planned to be done with the heavy work at Poinsett by Friday evening. Next he plans to complete smaller tasks, such as putting up trail markers.

Since he started maintaining the trail, Turner has cleared approximately 18 miles of overgrown brush and trees between in Sumter and Clarendon, and has ridden about 42 miles searching for obstructive debris.

Turner said clearing the paths is a worthwhile task because the trails provide front-row access to nature as well as preserve some of the state's most historical sites.

He said volunteers with AmeriCorps are partnering with Palmetto Conservation Foundation to repair a portion of the South Carolina Railroad and incorporate it into Water-ee Passage. The railroad was built in 1894 and was abandoned in 1940, Turner said.

When he is not maintaining the trail, Turner usually walks two to four times a week. There is a 12-mile trail around Poinsett that takes about 5 hours to walk, he said. Depending on how far you want to walk you can take different paths, he said.

"I would like to see more people come out," Turner said. He also encourages peo-

ple to visit portions of Palmetto Trail in other parts of the state to see the one-of-a-kind sites.

A lot of people do not know about the trail, but it's been there since 1994, he said.

For more information about Palmetto Trail, go to palmettoconservation.org. To report any closed portions of a trail or to learn how to become a volunteer call (803) 771-0870 or send an email to info@palmettoconservation.org.

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more incredible.

Born in Columbia in 1933, Bowen's father was murdered in 1937 by a black man after a business deal went awry. Bowen was just 3 years old at the time.

Growing up, Bowen hated not having a dad, but he said he had to deal with it later on.

"Somebody said, 'I guess that makes you love black people, doesn't it?' — they didn't use 'black people' in the question," Bowen recalled. "I said, 'Well, no, I'm white and I'm not a member of the Klan, and I am not John Dillinger (notorious gangster of the 1930s). So, I said to them, 'It's an individual thing.' And after I got saved I understood that better."

Bowen accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior when he was 23 in 1957. He and his family had moved back to their roots in Clarendon County by that time. In '66, he entered full-time ministry and in '67 accepted God's call to shepherd Cherryvale Baptist.

The church's location near Shaw Air Force Base helped facilitate the integration, according to Bowen. Some blacks in the military lived on base at the time and also in the neighborhoods in the Cherryvale community near the church. The church, situated next to U.S. 378 at 1502 Cherryvale Drive, is about a mile from the front gate at Shaw. The blacks in the military at Shaw were from all parts of the country and were not raised in the deeply ingrained Southern culture of prejudice at the time, Bowen said.

When church members conducted weekly door-to-door visits on the base and in the Cherryvale community, they obviously didn't know what color the residents would be.

Bowen recalls one church member initially asking him what should he do if a black person answered the door on a visitation.

"I said, 'Well, what do you want to do, Tommy?'" Bowen said.

"Well, I had a place to tell them to go before, but I'd like to invite them," Tommy, the church member, told Bowen.

"I said, 'Well, you go ahead and invite them, and we'll see what happens,'" Bowen recalled.

The black families in the military were the first to attend the church. Bowen said at the time the Lord was dealing with him on the issue.

"See, there was a fear that a pastor had," Bowen said of the time in the '70s. "I've seen pastors and talked to pastors about that. They wouldn't do it because of the people in



PHOTO PROVIDED
Bowen preaches from the pulpit at Cherryvale Baptist around 1980.

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Attendance has dropped since then. Bowen has aged as well and "needs some legs" to help with evangelism. On a good Sunday, Cherryvale Baptist might have 100 people now. It's still about halfway, black and white, though, he says.

Given the length of his stay at the church, he believes based on his best recollection that he's possibly the longest, or second-longest, serving pastor at a single church in Sumter County.

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secret in the world because I don't know that anybody knew it, except the blacks," Bowen said. "We had black people coming to this church from Pinewood, Mayesville, Summertown. And, I think they were coming just to see if they were welcomed."

Bowen doesn't take any credit though for the integration of the church.

"It was the Lord who did it," Bowen said. "It was strictly obedience to God on a very questionable thing in our culture at the time."

Several integrated couples were a part of the church as well.

From the late '70s to the early 1990s, the church had about 600 in its regular Sunday service. It was in the '90s that the church had to stop the buses because of expenses and new state regulations for bus drivers.

Attendance has dropped since then. Bowen has aged as well and "needs some legs" to help with evangelism. On a good Sunday, Cherryvale Baptist might have 100 people now. It's still about halfway, black and white, though, he says.

Given the length of his stay at the church, he believes based on his best recollection that he's possibly the longest, or second-longest, serving pastor at a single church in Sumter County.

Bowen still preaches most Sunday mornings, but he an assistant pastor who does Sunday nights a lot. He continues on.

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ABOVE: A family takes a picture with the Easter Bunny on Saturday at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens. BELOW: Girls line up before the 7- to 9-year-old egg hunt.



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coming on Saturday morning.

"I really like the family atmosphere here today," Collins said. Tamia "just likes the egg hunt," mom said.

For 7-year-old Isabella Groat, it was her sixth Easter egg hunt, according to her parents, John and Rachel Groat. Their family lives on base at Shaw. Upon inspection, Isabella had collected a clean dozen eggs in her basket.

"It's one of the bigger Easter egg hunts we've attended," John Groat said. "We just told her this morning; she's pretty excited."

Kids 12-and-under took part in Saturday's festivities, which was presided over by the Easter Bunny. Children were divided into five age groups — 2 and under; 3 and 4; 5 and 6; 7 to 9; and 10 to 12 — for separate hunts. After the kids collected their plastic eggs, they were able to redeem them for candy.

Children and their families were also able to take photos with the Easter Bunny.

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THE SUN NEWS

April 6

Raise gas tax before election-year politicking

Taxes on gasoline and other motor fuels are effectively user fees; motorists pay for using roads when they purchase gasoline or diesel fuel. In South Carolina, a healthy share of the total MFT revenue is collected from tourists.

One may reasonably argue the gasoline tax is regressive because all motorists pay the same rate, creating an economic burden on folks financially less well off, but the fact is all motorists pay their fair share. Increasing the rate per gallon for the first time in three decades should be as straightforward as the gasoline tax.

However, when gubernatorial politics are injected into an issue, the difficulty factor increases. Here's the score on the 16-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax: The S.C. House of Representatives in March passed a roads bill, including a 10-cent gas tax increase, by an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of 97-18. The measure is pending in the Senate. Last week, Gov. Henry McMaster threatened to veto the bill if and when it reaches him.

So much for many legislators' optimism that McMaster would be more reasonable, more likely to cooperate with legislators, than Nikki Haley.

House Speaker Jay Lucas properly notes that McMaster would continue a poor pattern of borrowing to fix roads, which places the cost solely on S.C. taxpayers "... and not on out-of-state motorists who use and deteriorate our crumbling roads.

Borrowing more money ... will not serve as a permanent solution to our infrastructure crisis."

Until last week, McMaster played coy about legislative priorities, saying, as one would expect from a candidate, that any tax increase should be an absolute last resort. Well, of course. Rather than increase the measly gasoline tax, borrow money — a whole lot — through a bond bill for overdue repairs to university and other state buildings. Fixing state buildings is "very important, but not urgent," McMaster proclaimed, roads are urgent because of their link to commerce and safety. He wants to tell voters in 2018 that he stopped a tax increase.

In the Senate, other complications must be resolved, including a proposed 12-cent increase from the Finance Committee. Some senators are blocking debate, for no better reason than knee-jerk opposition to a tax increase. Some senate and all house seats have elections in 2018. That's why a reasonable gasoline tax increase must be approved this year and sent to the governor — with a margin large enough to override McMaster's promised veto.

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THE POST AND COURIER

April 11

Casinos for roads a bad idea for familiar reasons

A proposal to legalize casino gambling in South Carolina is being touted as an alternative to a gas tax increase designed to have motorists pay more for road improvements.

Since the gas tax bill appears to be in trouble in the Senate, legislators should look to another option that could fill the revenue need.

Or so the argument goes.

But the gas tax isn't dead yet. It overwhelmingly passed the House, and its advocates in the Senate are working to make it palatable to their timid colleagues who are fearful of the political consequence of raising the gas tax, or any tax.

And even if the gas tax increase fails, that doesn't mean that the Legislature should substitute a bad idea for a good one.

And legalized casino gambling is a bad idea.

Some critics of the casino plan say it offers no certainty as a funding source. In some areas, casinos haven't been the roaring success that their proponents predicted.

If there's any certainty about casino gambling, it is that house odds always favor the casino, not the gambler. Other critics cite their moral objections to legalizing casino gambling. Certainly the negative consequences of big-time gambling have been documented in places like Atlantic City.

But the consequences also were evident in the video poker operations that once operated legally in South Carolina.

The biggest problem created by those mini casinos was the gambling addiction that caused people to throw away money needed to sustain their own families.

The ill effects were enough to convince legislators to get rid of video poker.

There's no good reason to take it up again in a more garish, glorified form because South Carolina's roads need fixing, or its pension fund needs bolstering, or public schools need more money.

It might promise easy money, but primarily what it provides in public revenue is a sop to the state for the privilege of soaking those who throw away their money at the aptly named one-armed bandits and other games of chance.

The casino bill sponsor, Democratic House Minority Leader Todd Ruthford contends that casinos are "simply the best way" to raise new road money.

Senate Judiciary Committee Luke Rankin, a Republican, has a different take, maybe because he's from Myrtle Beach, the most frequently mentioned site for casino gambling.

"It's hard to justify it because we don't have the fortitude in the General Assembly to face up to the fact that you have to pay to build your roads in the way every other state in the country has done it — by taxing those who use those roads," Sen. Rankin said.

The Legislature should stick with a gas tax hike, not roll the dice for a casino bailout.

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COMMENTARY

South Carolina ties to the Pulitzers

Last year about this time, South Carolina ETV did a great series titled, "From the Jazz Age to the Digital Age: Pulitzer Prize Winners in South Carolina celebrating Pulitzer novelist Julia Peterkin." It's available on YouTube if you missed it: <http://bit.ly/2nP0bmG>.

The program focused on the lasting impact of the late Julia Peterkin, South Carolina's only recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in Literature. *The Charleston Post and Courier* won last year for journalism, which was a great achievement for a great newspaper.

As the description explains, "Peterkin won the Pulitzer in 1929, and was a well-to-do white woman writing about African Americans in a way that made most readers assume she was also African American. The program will not only explore Peterkin's gifts as a storyteller but will also address her remarkable achievements in the context of the culture, the times and the expected roles of women in society during the Jazz Age."

This year's winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Literature is author Colson Whitehead. His remarkable novel, "The Underground Railroad," is one of the most creative, powerful and challenging novels you'll ever read, and will certainly become part of the American literary canon. It also won the National Book Award and was an "Oprah's Pick" in 2016.

Please forgive me, but this is where I'm going to do a little "Dad Bragging."

In the "Acknowledgments" at the end of the book, you'll find these words: "Thanks to Nicole Aragi, Bill Thomas, Rose Courteau, Michael Goldsmith, Duvall Osteen, and Alison Rich (still) for getting this book into your hands."

That particular Duvall Osteen would be our daughter, whose natural love of reading was developed early on while sitting for hours upon hours in her great-grandmother



Graham Osteen

Toody's lap.

She began her educational odyssey in Wilson Hall's preschool, where she was generally considered "a handful" by her often exasperated teachers. She now lives in New York where she's still a handful

and also a literary agent with Aragi Inc., which was founded by her boss and mentor Nicole Aragi. You can check them out at www.aragi.net.

Their firm represents Colson Whitehead and a multitude of other great writers from all over the world, so I'm extremely proud to point out a small but meaningful South Carolina connection to this great work of modern literature.

Julia Peterkin would be proud.

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Since we're deep into high culture, the arts and history this week, I'd recommend checking out the PBS series about World War I that aired this past week on "American Experience."

"The Great War" completely drew me in for three straight nights, and I learned how little I actually knew about World War I and President Woodrow Wilson.

Here's a link: <http://to.pbs.org/2oi3Nc2>.

The 100-year-old film footage and photographs are amazing.

No doubt the world is getting scary these days with people like Bashar al-Assad, Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un commanding so much of our attention.

"The Great War" reminds us that even 100 years later, the world remains a complicated, dangerous place for one simple reason: Humans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Owners must secure firearms from criminals

Having started a career in law enforcement in 1967, then retiring in 2011, I read the "Police Blotter" with great interest in *The Sumter Item*. I am dumbfounded by the neglect that people have for their firearms. Rather they are in the home or in the vehicle. Firearms need to be secured to keep them out of the hands of criminals and untrained children. Products can be purchased to secure weapons.

I have always assumed everyone I meet is in possession of a weapon; I guess that is due to my chosen profession. Law abiding citizens can take courses to obtain a Concealed Weapon Permit. Persons convicted of crimes cannot possess weapons legally; there-

fore, they purchase those stolen weapons. By limiting the areas in which a law abiding citizen can have their weapon, the weapon is left unsecured in their vehicle.

Hopefully our state legislature and senate will continue to work on a law to allow Open Carry. I definitely support it. That is, if citizens are still required to take a safety, legal and weapon familiarization course to be qualified to possess and carry the weapon. People would then be in possession of their weapon and not leave it unsecured. Open or concealed, that choice belongs to the citizenry not the government.

I firmly believe that "guns do not kill people, people kill people." So many young children are being killed by unintended guns. Many persons

are killed due to assuming the weapon is unloaded when they handle it. My children were taught at a very young age about guns and allowed to handle and shoot the weapon so they could understand safety and protection. My whole family believes in the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution and we all have CWP's. Interest and ignorance about guns can be very devastating.

I urge our state lawmakers to continue pursuit of Open Carry as other states are doing, and further, I urge parents to teach their children about weapons and quit leaving your guns unattended.

JIM AUSTIN
Sumter

Nikki Haley and the Syrian crisis

I was an early and enthusiastic supporter of Donald

Trump in South Carolina, and I remain so. However, it is strange to witness the increasing prominence of Lindsey Graham, who declared during the election that he would rather, "vote for Hillary Clinton than Donald Trump." The same goes for Nikki Haley, who worked hand in glove with Hillary Clinton's State Department to bring unvetted, predominantly male, Muslim refugees from Syria into South Carolina. Donald Trump was number one in her "basket of deplorables."

Haley, whose sense of narcissism and political opportunism would make Hillary blush, has recently directed her incendiary rhetoric against the Russians and Assad at the UN following Syria's chemical gas attacks. Yet, in the words of distinguished MIT professor of science, technology, and national security policy, Theo-

dore A. Postol, "what the country is now being told by the White House [of the airborne attack] cannot be true, and the fact that this information has been provided in this format raises the most serious questions about the handling of our national security." President Trump himself has repeatedly cast doubt on the accuracy and truthfulness of our national intelligence agencies, but Haley now hoists the neoconservative banner of never-ending war for never-ending peace.

Matthew 5:9 states, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God;" Exploiting, and thus perpetuating, conflict, Haley has no qualms about utilizing tragedies to perspicaciously promote her political advancement.

RICHARD T. HINES
Mayesville

Golf cart business reaps benefits of Upstate growth

BY BOB MONTGOMERY

The Herald-Journal

ROEBUCK — You don't need to be a golfer to own and enjoy a golf cart.

Just ask David Upshaw, industrial retail sales manager at Golf Cart Service in Roebuck.

"Many have a cart at home to drive to the pool or their neighbor's," Upshaw said. "At The Villages (retirement community) in Florida, every home comes with a cart. In South Carolina, you can be on the road with a cart with lights within 5 miles of your house."

Founded in 1986, Golf Cart Service has grown so fast in the past couple years at its 5-acre location on South Church Street Extended that it is planning to invest \$1 million and move to a new 7.5-acre site at Highway 221 and Southport Road by the end of this summer.

Upshaw sells new and used gas-powered and electric carts for personal, commercial and industrial use. The company has a service garage as well as a service truck that goes to wherever the customer is.

The truck, operated by George Summers, is fully equipped with all the tools needed to diagnose and fix a broken-down golf cart.

Upshaw said his business has grown as Spartanburg County has grown.

"Our business is growing at a direct ratio to the new businesses here — simply more people are moving here," he said.



David Upshaw, owner of Golf "Cart" Service in Roebuck talks earlier this month about his plans for the business.

ALEX HICKS JR. / THE SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL VIA AP

Companies such as Rite-Aid, Amazon, Adidas, BMW and Michelin all need golf carts for executives and workers to travel back and forth between buildings and even inside massive structures like Rite Aid's 900,000-square-foot distribution center at Flatwood Industrial Park. Soon, Toray will open in Moore and they be a potential golf cart customer, Upshaw said.

Business in 2016 was double that of 2015, and if the pace continues it will double again this year, he said.

Upshaw's father-in-law and Golf Cart Service owner Robert W. Morgan said when he bought the business 10

years ago, the previous owner had purchased 27 carts for the year.

Now, "We've bought over 1,000 carts," Morgan said. "That's tremendous growth. We don't see that stopping anytime soon."

Upshaw grew up near Dallas, Texas. When his ex-wife moved to the Upstate with their children, he moved here to be near them.

He worked as a registered nurse with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, a job he really enjoyed. But after having a bad back and two surgeries, he decided the rigors of being a nurse might not be best for him.

His new wife and her father, Mor-

gan, approached him about coming to work at the golf cart business in April 2014.

"I love it — nobody dies and it's a growing business that I have a stake in," Upshaw said. "I love the challenge of reaching out to the customers, the interaction."

Construction will start soon on the company's new location. It will feature a 12,000-square-foot building, which is nearly triple the size of the current one. It will also feature a showroom with new and refurbished carts, offices and eight service bays. The lot will have hundreds of carts for sale or rent.

Carts range from a basic two-passenger, two-bag cart with canopy to larger utility carts that are popular with maintenance departments at colleges and other institutions.

They range in price from less than \$3,000 to upward of \$10,000, depending on the extras.

One of the fancier carts in the showroom is an electric Club Car Precedent that has six 8-volt batteries and is set up to accommodate a stereo with speakers. Some models have two-passenger rear-facing seats in the back.

Upshaw, who doesn't play golf, said he's excited about moving to a new location and possibly adding to the current staff of 11 employees to keep up with the area's growth.

"South Carolina is a great place to retire. We're halfway between the beach and mountains," he said. "The possibilities are not limited."

OBITUARIES

HUBERT DOUGLAS HODGE

Hubert Douglas "Little Doug" Hodge, 82, widower of Vera Ridgeway Hodge and

Helen Baker Gowdy Hodge, died on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. Born on Nov. 21, 1934, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Willie

Douglas "Big Doug" Hodge and Rebecca Gertrude Ecord Hodge. He served in the South Carolina National Guard. He was formerly employed at Williams Furniture. He retired as a truck driver, having worked for Independent Transfer, Blue Ridge Trucking, Brown Transport and Hodge Trucking Co. He was a member of Providence Baptist Church. One of his favorite outings was enjoying gospel music at the Country Music Barn on Thursday evenings.

Survivors include five daughters, Wanda Hodge Duke (David) of Manning, Robin Dollard (Ernie) of Sumter, Priscilla Baker (Dallas) of Manning, Janet Lynn Jones of Sumter and Brenda Gayle Gowdy (Kevin) of Sumter; three sons, Chris Hodge of Sumter, Danny Hodge (Deb) of Swansea and Eddie Hodge of Honea Path; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles Lamar Hodge of Sumter; three sisters, Cena Hodge Secor (Jack), Alma Hodge Smith and Brenda H. Hodge (Dean), all of Sumter; a special niece, Judy Snidar of Lexington; a special friend, Richard Lowrance of Sumter; and his special furry friend, Ronald "Reagan."

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday at Providence Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Harold Greene, the Rev. Pat Coffey and Pastor Wayne McElveen officiating. Burial will be at Providence Baptist Church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Hansel Hodge, Eric Hodge, Garrett Hodge, David Secor, Brandon Hodge and Troy Hodge.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Senior Citizen Sunday School Class of Providence Baptist Church, Kenny Bryant and James Bryant.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday at Providence Baptist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Providence Baptist Church Children's Ministry, 2445 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

HORTENSE JONES

MANNING — Hortense "Baba" Eyvonne Oliver Jones, 56, widow of James "Jim"

Jones, died on Sunday, April 9, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning. She was born on Sept. 7, 1960, in Summerton, a daughter of the late Maceo Oliver Sr. and Teola Watson Oliver.

A brother, Shelton Bernard Oliver, preceded her in death. She received her formal education in the public schools of Clarendon County and was a 1979 graduate of Scott's Branch High School. At an early age, she sought the need of a personal Savior and joined St. Matthews AME Church.

Those left to share her legacy of love are her devoted son, JayShawn Jones (Daisell) of the home; a darling grandson, JayShawn Jr. of the home; Ty-chris Nelson of Summerton, one she took as a son; four loving sisters, Threase (Harry) Pringle of Manning, Brenda Oliver of Sumter, and Sharon Oliver and Stephanie Oliver, both of Summerton; one brother, Maceo Oliver Jr. of Summerton.

Celebratory services for Mrs. Jones will be held at 2 p.m. today at Scott's Branch High School, 9253 Alex Harvin Road, Summerton, with the Rev. Sam Livingston presiding, Pastor David Lawson, eulogist, and the Rev. Dr. Leroy Green and the Rev. Albert Thompson assisting. Burial will follow at St. Matthews AME Church Cemetery. The family is receiving friends at her residence, 2626 MW Rickenbaker Road, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

WALLACE BURGESS JR.

MANNING — Wallace "Lucky" Burgess Jr., husband of Betty Whitfield Burgess, died on Monday, April 10, 2017. He was a son of the late Wallace Burgess Sr. and Annie Wilson Burgess.

Celebratory services for Mr. Burgess will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at Upon This Rock Ministries, 10050 U.S. Highway 521, Greeleyville, with Pastor Harry Robinson officiating. Burial will follow at Muldrow Cemetery, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1901 Flinn Road, Manning.

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Home LLC of Manning.

ALBERTA W. DUBOSE

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Alberta Williams DuBose, wife of John DuBose, died on Monday, April 10, 2017.

She was a daughter of the late Rufus and Lovie Mae Cochran Williams. Funeral services for Mrs. DuBose will be held

at 11 a.m. on Monday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 2571 Joseph Lemon and Dingle Road, Manning, with Elder Damon Thompson Jr. officiating, Minister Teresa Corbett Supplee presiding and Minister Loretta Briggs, Evangelist Shirley Waiters and the Rev. O'Donald Dingle assisting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at the Millers family home, 317 Lantern Lane, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

EARL W. SCHULTZ

Earl Wesley Schultz, 79, husband of Patricia McCall Schultz, died on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland.

Born in Asheville, North Carolina, he was a son of the late James R. and Ruby Rippy Schultz. Mr. Schultz was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he was a deacon emeritus. He was a retired U.S. Air Force senior master sergeant with 31 years of service. He also retired from the Dorn VA Medical Center. He was very active with United Ministries and was a member of American Legion Post 15.

Surviving are his wife of Sumter; two sons, Keith Schultz (Ann) of Sumter and Ross Schultz (Marla) of Idaho; one daughter, Laytrede Schultz of Idaho; a half-brother, Boyd Schultz of North Carolina; three grandchildren, Michael Schultz (Kara), Tiffany Hudson (Bert) and Nicole Schultz; three great-grandchildren, Tyler Hudson, Alexander Hudson and Micaela Schultz; a daughter-in-law, Magda Schultz Thomas; and his beloved dog, Zowie.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Wesley Schultz.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Westminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stuart Mizelle officiating. Burial will follow at Sumter Cemetery with full military honors.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday in Westminster Presbyterian Church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to

United Ministries, P.O. Box 1017, Sumter, SC 29151 or to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 230 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



IRENE B. WILEY

Irene Benbow Wiley, 67, wife of Robert L. Wiley Sr., died on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

Born on April 17, 1949, in Summerton, she was a daughter of Sammie Lee and Camilla Stinney Benbow.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3613 Marblehead Court, Effingham.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

ROBERT E. ANDREWS SR.

ALCOLU — Robert Edward Andrews Sr., 73, husband of Betty Simpson Andrews, died Thursday, April 13, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born May 9, 1943, he was a son of the late John Alexander Andrews Sr. and the late Frances Jackson Andrews. He was a disabled U.S. Marine veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of New Start Community Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Robert E. Andrews Jr. of Alcolu; a grandson, Robert E. Andrews III; a niece, Kimberly A. Brunson Bonneville (Michael) of Richlands, North Carolina; a great niece, Lauren Bonneville of Richlands, North Carolina; a great nephew, Michael Bonneville Jr. of Richlands, North Carolina; five brothers, Timothy H. Andrews of Alcolu, Howard W. Andrews (Treavor) of Florida, Charles H. Andrews of Lexington, Benjamin J. Andrews (Carolyn) of Louisiana, and Oregon "Tex" Andrews (Linda) of Florida; two sisters, Doris H. Morris and Annie L. Newman (Laverne) of Sumter; and special nephews, B.W. Kolb, Allen Kolb, Archie Green (Cecelia) and Bill Simpson (Christy).

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Francis B. Andrews and John A. Andrews; and two sisters, Emma I. Medmar and Mary E. Kolb.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April

22 at New Start Community Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Dale Turner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22 prior to the service at the church.

The family requests that memorials be made to the New Start Community Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 119, Manning, SC 29102 or the Disabled American Veterans Association, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org.

JEWELL R. LOWDER

ALCOLU — Jewell Richburg Lowder, 92, widow of Marshall Leslie Richburg and Clyde Lowder, died Friday, April 14, 2017, at White Oak Manor in Columbia.

Born Oct. 29, 1924, in Alcolu, she was a daughter of the late Willie Arthur Richburg and the late Jenny Gertrude Ridgeway Richburg. Family and friends were Jewell's passion and delight. Her devotion and strong religious faith sustained this tiny woman of boundless energy and a strong sense of duty who believed intensely in the importance of family. She worked tirelessly to provide that belief and raised five sons, followed by 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and numerous great-great grandchildren in a house that always seemed to hold the aroma of freshly baked biscuits along with her homemade jams and jellies.

She is survived by four sons, Julius William Richburg of Columbia, Marshall Edward Richburg (Melissa) of Swansea, Larry Richburg (Debbie) of Eastover and James L. Richburg (Mary) of Columbia; a brother, Charles Olden Richburg of Sumter; 16 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and numerous great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Gerald Richburg; two brothers, Jessie Edward Richburg and William Arthur Richburg; and two sisters, Ruby L. Brown and Cecil C. Richburg.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Clarendon Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

FYI

The City of Sumter will accept applications for its Summer Youth Employment Programs through May 5. Students ages 14-15 will work in city government and students age 16 through high school will work in the Co-Op Program for local businesses.

ments set by HUD. Students should see their school guidance counselors for applications and income guidelines or pick up an application 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday from the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty St., Office H. Call Carolee Thomas at (803) 774-1652 or Clarence Gaines at (803) 774-1649.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 Monday, 6 p.m., district office, Summertown

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

MANNING CITY COUNCIL Monday, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Tuesday, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES Monday, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., district office

TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD Tuesday, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Live and learn. Take a short trip that will

ramifications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Evaluate the professional relationships you have with others. The response you get to the changes you suggest will be a sign of what's to come and how you should move forward.

lead to greater insight into something that will help you improve your current position, health or personal life. Sharing your findings with someone you love will help your relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't push yourself too hard or fatigue will set in and mistakes will be made. Look for any small but important changes that might affect the way you handle an agreement, financial matter or health issue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have some great ideas that can be implemented into the way you do your job or how you move forward professionally. Don't hesitate to check out the online job market for new ways to put your skills to work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discuss matters openly and put any concerns you have to rest. Once you understand where you stand with someone, you can bring about changes that promote a better relationship. Don't give up on someone or something you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take part in events that allow you to speak your mind and help bring about a needed change. Don't be confused by someone offering an impossible deal. Trust your instincts, not what others tell you or want you to believe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take time out to relax and rejuvenate. It's in your best interest to take better care of your health. Start a new diet or exercise program. The changes you make should include the people who are most supportive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider your best options when dealing with people who don't see things the same way as you. Don't jeopardize your health or well-being for the sake of winning an argument. Listen to what's being said, but refrain from sharing personal information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Check out your options and choose to do something that will give you an opportunity to develop relationships with people who are working in the same field as you. Sharing information will be beneficial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take better care of your health and wellness. Don't let an emotional situation grow into something that will ruin your day. Stay focused on what's important to you. A gift or financial gain is heading your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have to walk a fine line when dealing with friends, relatives or your loved one. Say little, do a lot and refuse to let anyone coerce you into making a decision before you have time to consider the potential

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Protect your reputation. Bring about positive changes that will put you in a favorable position. Refuse to get involved in deceptive or manipulative situations that might make you or someone else feel guilty. Honesty is the best policy.

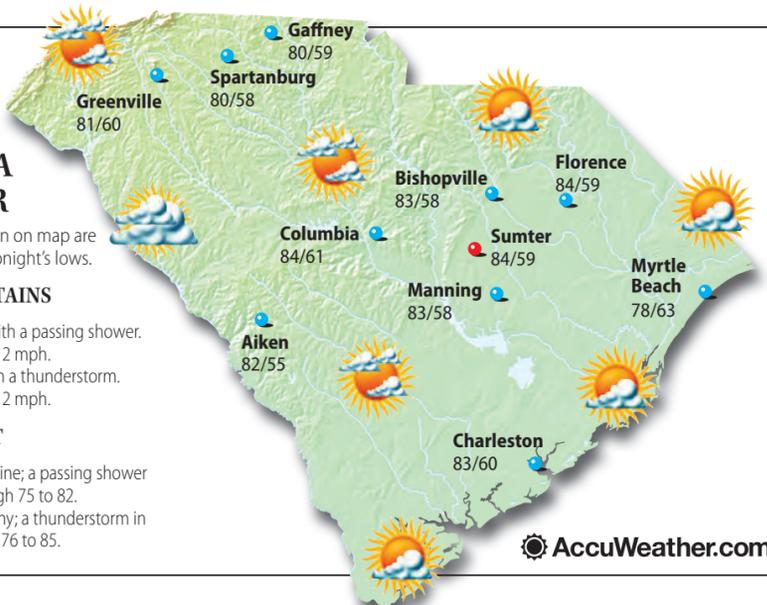
WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes icons, descriptions, temperatures, and chance of rain.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Some sun with a passing shower. Winds southwest 6-12 mph. Monday: Warm with a thunderstorm. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partial sunshine; a passing shower in northern parts. High 75 to 82. Monday: Partly sunny; a thunderstorm in northern parts. High 76 to 85.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date).

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:50 a.m., Sunset 7:54 p.m., Moonrise none, Moonset 10:32 a.m.

Table with 4 columns: Last, New, First, Full. Shows moon phases for Apr. 19, Apr. 26, May 2, May 10.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists rivers like Black River, Congaree River, Lynch River, Saluda River, Up. Santee River, Wateree River.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, and corresponding times for AT MYRTLE BEACH on Today and Mon.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Wash., DC.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, Cape Hatteras, Charleston, Charlotte, Clemson, Columbia, Darlington, Elizabeth City, Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Florence, Gainesville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Goose Creek, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Hilton Head, Jacksonville, FL, La Grange, Macon, Marietta.

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, I-ice

Advertisement for Jimmy's Heating and Air, LLC celebrating 10 years in business. Includes photos of Jimmy Mathis and Chris Mathis, contact information, and a TRANE logo.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

CURMUDGEONLY QUOTES: From Bierce's "Devil's Dictionary" By S.N. ACROSS 1 Software update, 6 Purina sister brand, 10 Actress Rene, 15 Thing to spring, 19 Our Town bride, 20 Innocent escapade, 21 At minimal power, 22 Nature walk, 23 One of Santa's fliers, 24 WWII VIP, 25 Nightclub, 26 Peruvian of yore, 27 HARANGUE: 31 Rhinelanders' refusal, 32 Fill with cargo, 33 Hot seasons

78 Fails to be, 79 Tease, 123 Underdemanding course, 124 Letters on Sputnik, 125 :-), in words, 126 Take notice of, 127 Oust, 128 Ballet pivots, 129 Senior members, 130 Takes notice of, 131 Roxie, in Chicago, DOWN 1 Praline ingredient, 2 Entertain, 3 Melanie Griffith's mom, 4 Customer list, 5 Stevenson villain, 6 "Hi" or "Bye", 7 Mu predecessor, 8 Said grace, e.g., 9 Creole cooking staple, 10 Operating automatically, 11 New in the box, 12 Minor miscues, 13 Explorer de

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Includes a small crossword puzzle and a larger one.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword puzzle answers.

SUDOKU

Grid of a Sudoku puzzle.

JUMBLE

STUFF TRULY MATTER REJECT To collect taxes, the pirate government started a — TREASURY

Large crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers.

14 Actor Wilson, 15 Consider, 16 Venerable dog star, 17 Pedigree registry org., 18 Casserole morsel, 28 Cut short, 29 Noble gas, 30 This, in Barcelona, 35 Recital performance, 36 More judicious, 38 Iowa State locale, 40 Sudden impact, 41 Top-drawer, 42 Most intrusive, 43 Service academy rookie, 44 Speed gauge

of a sort, 45 Award for mystery writing, 46 Just not done, 48 Place for a price, 51 Boyfriend, 52 Physician Mach, 57 One of the largest land mammals, 58 Quick drink, 60 Casual top, 61 Sewed border, 63 Du Maurier novel, 65 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters", 68 Spy missions, for short, 69 Bolt holder, 70 Volcanic product, 71 Dilbert intern, 72 Not up yet

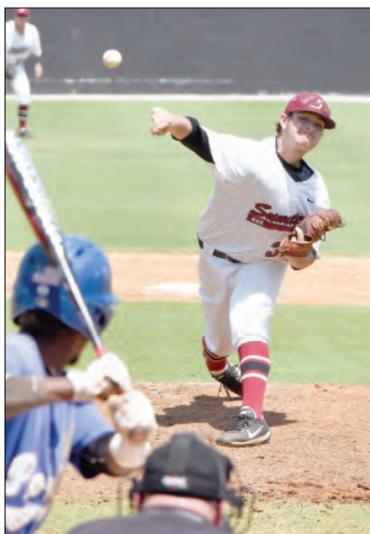
73 Scratch out, 74 Number spoken by pilots, 75 Some ski lifts, 80 The way you see me, 81 The Great Caruso star, 82 Equilibratory, 83 Pi follows, 84 "I am ___" (Green Eggs and Ham beginning), 86 ___ Mawr College, 87 River near the Leaning Tower, 88 Stove neighbor, maybe, 91 Frame seller, 95 RENDERED, 96 Elk cousin, 97 Happy Days hangout, 98 Artless per-

son, 100 Opposite of "numerous", 103 Big game-show prize, 104 Second-smallest continent, 107 Beethoven's ___ Solemnis, 109 Many HDTV's, 111 Cellist's accessory, 112 Ron Howard's acting daughter, 113 Go rollerblading, 115 Citation abbreviation, 116 Docile, 117 Soccer cheers, 118 ___-do-well, 119 Work in a cast, 120 Lt. subordinate

The pet-food brands of Nestlé include ALPO (6 Across), Purina and Friskies. The reference at 85 Across is to the farewell speech of Frank Morgan's character in the Wizard of Oz. Journalist Ambrose Bierce compiled his 1911 Devil's Dictionary from three decades of his writings for magazines and newspapers.

RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

USC Sumter starting pitcher Andrew Mitchell threw a complete-game 3-hitter against Spartanburg Methodist College on Friday in the opening game of a doubleheader at Riley Park. The Fire Ants won the opener 3-2 before dropping the second game 8-6.



USC SUMTER BASEBALL

Fire Ants drop series vs. SMC

USCS earns split with Pioneers on Friday, falls twice on Saturday

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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For the University of South Carolina Sumter baseball team, it wasn't so much a tale of two games on Friday as it was one of two innings, head coach Tim Medlin said.

The Fire Ants earned a split with Spartanburg Methodist College at Riley Park, but for a while it looked like a 2-game sweep was inevitable — right up until it wasn't.

The Pioneers scored seven runs in the sixth and seventh innings of Game 2, including three with two outs in the top of the seventh for a come-from-behind 8-6 victory.

It was an especially tough ending for USCS on the mound following what had been 12 com-

pleted stellar innings to that point. That stretch included Andrew Mitchell's complete-game 3-hitter in the opener as the Fire Ants scored late for a 3-2 win.

Saturday saw USC Sumter drop another pair of games as the Pioneers took the opening game 5-4 and then rolled to a 14-4 win in six innings in the second contest.

USCS now stands at 24-23 overall and 5-11 in Region X. Spartanburg is 30-16 and 10-4.

SEE FIRE ANTS, PAGE B3

PRO GOLF

Soaring into Sunday



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Jason Dufner hits on the 18th fairway during the second round of the RBC Heritage on Friday at Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head Island. Dufner made two eagles on Saturday to grab a 1-shot lead heading into today's final round.

Dufner eagles twice to take RBC Heritage lead after 3 rounds

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — Jason Dufner took more than a solid showing away from the Masters last week. He took inspiration from winner Sergio Garcia.

Dufner finished 33rd in the year's first major, things

getting away from late in the final round a week ago. But he took something from Garcia managing his expectations and letting his game show through. And Dufner believes that's why he had got a 1-shot lead heading to the final round of the RBC Heritage.

Dufner had two eagles on

the way to a 6-under 65 to move in front of Graham DeLaet (69).

Dufner, at 13 under, said he entered Harbour Town Golf Links with low expectations, deciding that he gone through too many tournaments over-thinking how he was supposed to play or whose expectations

he was supposed to live up to.

"That really gets in the way of playing well to be honest with you," said Dufner, the 2013 PGA Championship winner. "So I think I maybe learned a little bit from the champion last

SEE SOARING, PAGE B4

NBA PLAYOFFS

LeBron, Cavs escape with 109-108 win over Pacers

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Their regular-season issues followed the Cavaliers into the playoffs.

They didn't win their post-season opener as much as survive it.

LeBron James scored 32 points and the defending champions,

looking to flip the switch after a shaky regular season, began the NBA playoffs by escaping with a 109-108 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday.

Indiana could have won it in the final seconds, but C.J. Miles, who Cleveland's players and coaches call a "Cavs killer," missed a 14-foot jumper just before the horn.

"C.J. had a pretty decent look," Pacers coach Nate McMillan said. "We have to make that shot."

Playing in his 200th playoff game, James added 13 assists and six rebounds while winning his 18th consecutive first-round game.

However, it was anything but easy as the Cavs, who had a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter, had to withstand a strong comeback by the Pacers, who had the ball and a chance to win with 20 seconds left. Indiana wanted star Paul George to take the last shot, but Cleveland double-teamed him and he was forced to pass it to Miles, whose shot was on line but short.

"I talked to C.J. about it," George said. "In situations like that, I gotta get the last shot. I was asking for it. C.J. took it upon himself."

Kyrie Irving added 23 points and Kevin Love had 17 for Cleveland, which has won 12 straight

SEE CAVS, PAGE B3

PRO BASEBALL

Aaron, Braves greats help celebrate opening of SunTrust Park on Friday

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves leaned heavily on some of the biggest names from their past to help open their new park.

The first pitch before Friday night's opener at SunTrust Park was delivered from one Hall of Famer, Hank Aaron, to another, Bobby Cox.

The 83-year-old Aaron used a cane as he walked onto the field in front of the mound. Aaron tossed the underhand

pitch to Cox, the former manager who had a new bronze statue unveiled at a stadium entrance on Thursday. The Braves also have a new Aaron statue at the park.

Aaron and Cox joined other five other former Braves stars in the pregame ceremony: Phil Niekro, Dale Murphy, Chipper Jones, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz.

Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman said the show of force from the team's former stars was impressive.

"Sometimes you take for

granted what this organization has," Freeman said. "To see everybody come back, you just kind of step back and realize what kind of organization you are a part of. There is a lot of history and now we're going to start a new ballpark."

"Seeing all these guys come back, you just kind of step back and take it all in."

The Braves' most distinguished fans, former President Jimmy Carter and his



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Atlanta Hall of Famer Hank Aaron, right, throws out the ceremonial first pitch to former manager Bobby Cox (6) prior to the Braves' 5-2 victory over San Diego on Friday during the first regular-season game at SunTrust Park.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6:30 a.m. – Women’s Professional Golf: Ladies European Tour Lalla Meryem Cup Final Round from Rabat, Morocco (GOLF).
8:25 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Liverpool vs. West Brom (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:30 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Hamburg vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 1).
9:30 a.m. – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Trophée Hassan II Final Round from Rabat, Morocco (GOLF).
9:30 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Grand Prix Hassan II Singles Final Match from Marrakesh, Morocco (TENNIS).
10:30 a.m. – Formula One Racing: Bahrain Grand Prix from Sakhir, Bahrain (CNBC).
11 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Chelsea vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11:30 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Schalke 04 vs. Darmstadt 98 (FOX SPORTS 1).
12:45 p.m. – International Soccer: Mexican League Match – Monterrey vs. Toluca (UNIVISION).
1 p.m. – PGA Golf: The Heritage Final Round from Hilton Head Island (GOLF).
1 p.m. – College Baseball: Kentucky at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game One – Atlanta at Washington (TNT).
1:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: San Diego at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
1:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at Boston or Philadelphia at Washington (MLB NETWORK).
3 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Western Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Minnesota at St. Louis (WIS 10).
3 p.m. – PGA Golf: The Heritage Final Round from Hilton Head Island (WLTN 19).
3 p.m. – Senior PGA Golf: Champions Tour Mitsubishi Electric Classic Final Round from Duluth, Ga. (GOLF).
3 p.m. – Professional Tennis: U.S. Clay Court Championship Final Match from Houston (TENNIS).
3:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game One – Portland at Golden State (WLOL 25).
4 p.m. – College Baseball: Mississippi State at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).
5 p.m. – Professional Basketball: NBA Developmental League Playoffs Conference Finals Series Game (ESPNU).
6 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Pittsburgh at Columbus (CNBC).
6:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game One – Chicago at Boston (TNT).
6:30 p.m. – International Soccer: Mexican League Match – Cruz Azul vs. Puebla (UNIVISION).
7 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Montreal at New York Rangers (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Alabama at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. – Professional Basketball: NBA Developmental League Playoffs Conference Finals Series Game (ESPNU).
8 p.m. – Major League Baseball: St. Louis at New York Yankees (ESPN).
9 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game One – Oklahoma City at Houston (TNT).
10 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Western Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Edmonton at San Jose (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MONDAY
8:30 a.m. – Boston Marathon from Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. – Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at Boston (MLB NETWORK).
2:55 p.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Arsenal vs. Middlesbrough (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXV-AM 1240).
7 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Ottawa at Boston (CNBC).
7 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at St. Louis (ESPN).
7 p.m. – College Baseball: Clemson at Florida State (ESPNU).
7 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Two – Indiana at Cleveland (NBA TV).
7 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Washington at Toronto (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Alabama at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: San Diego at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
9:30 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Western Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Chicago at Nashville (CNBC).
9:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Two – Memphis at San Antonio (TNT).
10 p.m. – Stanley Cup Playoffs: Western Conference First-Round Series Game Three – Anaheim at Calgary (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 a.m. – Professional Tennis: ATP Monte Carlo Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	3	.700	—
New York	7	4	.636	½
Boston	6	5	.545	1½
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	2
Toronto	2	9	.182	5½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	4	.636	—
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Chicago	5	5	.500	1½
Cleveland	5	6	.455	2
Kansas City	4	6	.400	2½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	4	.667	—
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	1½
Oakland	5	7	.417	3
Texas	4	6	.400	3
Seattle	3	8	.273	4½

FRIDAY’S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 4, St. Louis 3
 Baltimore 6, Toronto 4
 Tampa Bay 10, Boston 5
 Detroit 7, Cleveland 6
 Chicago White Sox 2, Minnesota 1
 Kansas City 7, L.A. Angels 1
 Houston 7, Oakland 2
 Seattle 2, Texas 1

SATURDAY’S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 3, St. Louis 2
 Toronto 2, Baltimore 1
 Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 0
 Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1
 Houston 10, Oakland 6
 Cleveland 13, Detroit 6
 L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
 Texas at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY’S GAMES

Baltimore (Bundy 1-1) at Toronto (Happ 0-2), 1:07 p.m.
 Detroit (Boyd 1-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-1) at Boston (Pomeranz 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Skaggs 0-1) at Kansas City (Kennedy 0-2), 2:15 p.m.
 Houston (Morton 0-1) at Oakland (Cotton 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-0) at Minnesota (Santiago 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Texas (Hamels 0-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 0-1), 4:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Boston, 11:05 a.m.
 Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Miami at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	4	.636	—

Washington	6	5	.545	1
Miami	5	5	.500	1½
Philadelphia	4	7	.364	3
Atlanta	3	6	.333	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	8	4	.667	—
Chicago	6	5	.545	1½
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	2
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	2½
St. Louis	3	8	.273	4½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	7	4	.636	—
Colorado	8	5	.615	—
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	1
San Diego	5	6	.455	2
San Francisco	5	8	.385	3

FRIDAY’S GAMES

Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 2
 Washington 3, Philadelphia 2, 10 innings
 N.Y. Yankees 4, St. Louis 3
 Milwaukee 10, Cincinnati 4
 Miami 3, N.Y. Mets 2
 Atlanta 5, San Diego 2
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 1
 San Francisco 8, Colorado 2

SATURDAY’S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 3, St. Louis 2
 Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
 Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 5
 Pittsburgh 8, Chicago Cubs 7
 Colorado 5, San Francisco 0
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY’S GAMES

Milwaukee (Peralta 2-0) at Cincinnati (Romano 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Harvey 2-0) at Miami (Straily 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-1) at Washington (Gonzalez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
 San Diego (Cahill 0-1) at Atlanta (Colon 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Taillon 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
 Colorado (Senzatella 1-0) at San Francisco (Samardzija 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Walker 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAMES

Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
 Miami at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

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(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

FIRST ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago vs. Boston
 Today: Chicago at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
 Friday: Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 April 23: Boston at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
 x-April 26: Chicago at Boston, TBD
 x-April 28: Boston at Chicago, TBD
 x-April 30: Chicago at Boston, TBD
Atlanta vs. Washington
 Today: Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Wednesday: Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
 April 22: Washington at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
 April 24: Washington at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
 x-April 26: Atlanta at Washington, TBD
 x-April 28: Washington at Atlanta, TBD
 x-April 30: Atlanta at Washington, TBD
Milwaukee 1, Toronto 0
 Saturday: Milwaukee 97, Toronto 83
 Tuesday: Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Thursday: Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 April 22: Toronto at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
 x-April 24: Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 x-April 27: Toronto at Milwaukee, TBD
 x-April 29: Milwaukee at Toronto, TBD
Cleveland 1, Indiana 0
 Saturday: Cleveland 109, Indiana 108
 Monday: Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Thursday: Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 April 23: Cleveland at Indiana, 1 p.m.
 x-April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBD
 x-April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBD
 x-April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Portland vs. Golden State
 Today: Portland at Golden State, 3:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 April 22: Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
 April 24: Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
 x-April 26: Portland at Golden State, TBD
 x-April 28: Golden State at Portland, TBD
 x-April 30: Portland at Golden State, TBD
San Antonio vs. Memphis
 Saturday: Memphis at San Antonio (late)
 Monday: Memphis at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
 Thursday: San Antonio at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
 April 22: San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 x-April 25: Memphis at San Antonio, TBD
 x-April 27: San Antonio at Memphis, TBD
 x-April 29: Memphis at San Antonio, TBD
Houston vs. Oklahoma City
 Today: Oklahoma City at Houston, 9 p.m.
 Wednesday: Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Friday: Houston at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
 April 23: Houston at Oklahoma City, 3:30 p.m.
 x-April 25: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBD
 x-April 27: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBD
 x-April 29: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBD
Utah vs. L.A. Clippers
 Saturday: Utah at L.A. Clippers (late)
 Tuesday: Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Friday: L.A. Clippers at Utah, 10 p.m.
 April 23: L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
 x-Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBD
 x-April 28: L.A. Clippers at Utah, TBD
 x-April 30: Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBD

NHL PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 1, Montreal 1
 Wednesday: New York 2, Montreal 0
 Friday: Montreal 4, New York 3, OT
 Today: Montreal at New York, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday: Montreal at New York, 7 p.m.
 April 20: New York at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 x-April 22: Montreal at New York, TBA
 x-April 24: New York at Montreal, TBA
Boston 1, Ottawa 1
 Wednesday: Boston 2, Ottawa 1
 Saturday: Ottawa 4, Boston 3, OT
 Monday: Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
 April 19: Ottawa at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 x-April 21: Boston at Ottawa, TBA
 x-April 23: Ottawa at Boston, TBA
 x-April 26: Boston at Ottawa, TBA
Washington 1, Toronto 0
 Thursday: Washington3, Toronto 2, OT
 Saturday: Toronto at Washington (late)
 Monday: Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 April 19: Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 x-April 21: Toronto at Washington, TBA
 x-April 23: Washington at Toronto, TBA
 x-April 25: Toronto at Washington, TBA
Pittsburgh 2, Columbus 0
 Wednesday: Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1
 Friday: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 1
 Today: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 x-April 20: Columbus at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 x-April 23: Pittsburgh at Columbus, TBA
 x-April 25: Columbus at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Nashville 1, Chicago 0
 Thursday: Nashville 1, Chicago 0
 Saturday: Nashville at Chicago (late)
 Monday: Chicago at Nashville, 9:30 p.m.
 April 20: Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 x-April 22: Nashville at Chicago, TBA
 x-April 24: Chicago at Nashville, TBA
 x-April 26: Nashville at Chicago, TBA
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 0
 Wednesday: St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1, OT
 Friday: St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1
 Today: Minnesota at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
 April 19: Minnesota at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.
 x-April 22: St. Louis at Minnesota, TBA
 x-April 24: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA
 x-April 26: St. Louis at Minnesota, TBA
Anaheim 1, Calgary 0
 Thursday: Anaheim 3, Calgary 2
 Saturday: Calgary at Anaheim (late)
 Monday: Anaheim at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 April 19: Anaheim at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 x-April 21: Calgary at Anaheim, TBA
 x-April 23: Anaheim at Calgary, TBA
 x-April 25: Calgary at Anaheim, TBA
San Jose 1, Edmonton 1
 Wednesday: San Jose 3, Edmonton 2, OT
 Friday: Edmonton 2, San Jose 0
 Today: Edmonton at San Jose, 10 p.m.
 Tuesday: Edmonton at San Jose, 10 p.m.
 April 20: San Jose at Edmonton, 10:30 p.m.
 x-April 22: Edmonton at San Jose, TBA
 x-April 24: San Jose at Edmonton, TBA

USC FOOTBALL

Bentley, Muschamp impressed with Williams after spring game

BY BEN BREINER

The State

COLUMBIA — South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley’s hype train has picked up speed this offseason.

But Bentley has been impressed with his backfield mates.

Gamecocks football fans got their first look at North Carolina transfer and former Crestwood High School standout Ty’Son Williams in USC’s spring game. That setting and the bubbling reports of a player who sits out a year only mean so much until he sees real game action, but he has impressed his quarterback.

“He’s a very explosive runner,” Bentley said. “He runs very angry. He’s a good complement to Rico (Dowdle). Both of those guys are special players.”



WILLIAMS

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FOOTBALL

LATTIMORE TO SPEAK

Marcus Lattimore, the former standout running back at the University of South Carolina, will be the keynote speaker for the Sumter Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4.

The event, which is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, will be held at Sumter County Civic Center at 700 West Liberty Street. Breakfast will begin at 6:45 a.m. with the program, whose theme is “For Your Great Name’s Sake! Hear Us Forgive Us Heal us!” starting at 7:30.

Tickets are \$12 at the door.

There are three sponsorship opportunities available as well. A red sponsor is \$500 and includes 10 tickets, a white sponsor is \$300 and includes six tickets and a blue sponsor is \$100 and includes two tickets. All sponsors will be recognized at the breakfast and included on the printed program. Deadline for mailed sponsorship is Thursday.

The mailing address is Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, 12 Frank Clarke Street, Sumter, SC 29150. Make checks payable to Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast.

For more information, call Bronwyn McElveen at (864) 430-4540. For

“They’re both great players, and Ty’Son’s doing a great job.”

Williams had 83 yards and a score on 11 carries in the spring game. Dowdle had 30 yards on three carries, coming off a season where he ascended to the team’s top runner.

At the moment, they project to share the 2017 rushing workload with speed back A.J. Turner, who missed the spring game.

Williams was a player the Gamecocks didn’t heavily recruit despite playing at Crestwood High in Sumter. He came to Columbia with the reputation as a speedy runner, and while two of his best spring game runs came when he bounced to the outside, he showed a rough and tumble side to Gamecocks head coach Will Muschamp.

“I think that you see the very similar running styles with Rico,” Muschamp said. “A one-cut, violent runner, north and south with his pads.”

more information on the event, visit www.sumterprays.com.

BASEBALL

P-15’S SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets for the upcoming Sumter Post 15 American Legion baseball season are now on sale.

Tickets are \$30 apiece. They can be purchased at Danny’s Trophy Shop at 713 Bultman Drive.

BOWLING

GAMECOCK LANES SCORES

Industrial Mixed: Doug Oliver 630; Leo Mickens 624; Dennis Nickens 624; Johnny Stover 236-604.

Friday Night Mixed: Darryl Fleming 288-722; Charles Porter 202-562; Michael Starnes 246-635; Colt Stewart 652; Keith Pandorf 276-721; James Canty 277-686; Bobby Holladay 288-696; Edwardo Allen 267-737; Reggie Ratcliff 256-645; Margaret Coleman 489; Wardell Stevenson 257; Marc Harton 289-695; Don Infelise 697; Phillip June 715; Chris Armstrong 264-690; Sammie Washington 536; Gregg Anderson 757; Les Gavermon 219-566; Sonya Smith 498; Tyrone Jacobs 256; Mickayla Ketter 210.

Sunday Night Mixed: Paul Flanagan 492; Carl Lyon 256-616; Kris Hackett 228-556; Nick Urban 225-578.

Tuesday Night Mixed: Terence Williams 279-759; Daniel Girdvainis 705; John Garrett 722; Eva Jackson 245-623; Michael Starnes 264-580; Edwardo Allen 756; Stephanie Barbare 533; Lenny Girdvainis 268; Amanda Grigg 549; April Price 382; Mike Reynolds 221; Tucker Tumblyn 594; Steve Shirley 643; Ricky Dinkens 279; Teresa Harvard 509; Barry Brown 502; Gwen Cofield 202.

Close Encounters: League Champions Team No. 4 Old Timers Johnny Evans; Roland Evens; Dow Brown 221-554; John Baker 221-234-592; Mike Barwick 279-693; Jennifer Smith 524; Chris Johnson 231-591-607; Dan Lawiess 497; Michael Spiegell 202-476-528; David Timmons 235-677; David Outlaw 653; Amy Marshall 178-479; Juice Allen 197-441; Brian Keely 416.

Afternoon Delight: Jerry Coker Sr. 248-641; Leo Mickens 245-616.

PREP SCHEDULE

MONDAY	Varsity Boys Tennis
Varsity Baseball West Ashley at Sumter, 6:30 p.m. Lakewood at Gray Collegiate, 6 p.m. Bishop England at Manning, 6 p.m. C.A. Johnson at Manning, 6 p.m.	Manning at Sumter, 5 p.m.
Junior Varsity Baseball Crestwood at Lugoff-Elgin, 6 p.m.	Varsity Track and Field Laurence Manning, Thomas Sumter at Wilson Hall, 3:45 p.m.
Varsity and JV Softball Sumter at Crestwood, 5:30 p.m. Colleton Prep at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.	Middle School Track and Field Sumter Middle School Conference Meet (at Crestwood High School), 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Varsity Baseball South Florence at Sumter, 6:30 p.m. Lugoff-Elgin at Crestwood, 6:30 p.m. Lee Central at Andrew Jackson (DH), 5 p.m. Hannah-Pamplico at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m. Carolina Academy at Thomas Sumter, 6 p.m. Robert E. Lee at Palmetto Christian, 5 p.m. Sumter Christian at South Pointe Christian, 4 p.m.	Varsity Baseball Sumter at River Bluff, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Camden Military, 5 p.m. Manning at Lakewood, 6 p.m. Robert E. Lee at McBee, 6 p.m. North Walterboro Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Baseball Wilson Hall at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.	Junior Varsity Baseball Spring Valley at Sumter, 6 p.m. Lugoff-Elgin at Crestwood, 6 p.m. Lake Marion at Manning (DH), 5:30 p.m.
B Team Baseball	

NBA PLAYOFFS

Antetokounmpo powers Bucks past Raptors 97-83

BY IAN HARRISON
The Associated Press

TORONTO — The Milwaukee Bucks left the Toronto Raptors behind — again.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 28 points, rookie Malcolm Brogdon had 16 and the Bucks beat the Raptors 97-83 on Saturday night in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series.

“Our second half was just abysmal,” Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. “We didn’t play with any pace, any rhythm, any movement. You keep playing that way, it’s always going to bite you in the behind and that’s what happened to us tonight.”

The Raptors have lost the opening game in eight consecutive playoff series, a streak of futility Toronto star DeMar DeRozan was at a loss to explain.

“If I had the answer, maybe we would have pulled it out tonight,” DeRozan said. “It’s something now that we’re not unfamiliar with, being at this point. It’s never ideal.”

Playing his second career playoff series, Antetokounmpo made 13 of 18 shots, and added eight rebounds and three assists.

“It’s big for us, but now we have to focus on Game 2,” Antetokounmpo said. “We know they’re going to be more desperate.”

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Toronto.

Greg Monroe had 14 points



Milwaukee forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, center, dunks over Toronto forwards DeMarre Carroll (5), Serge Ibaka and PJ Tucker (2) during the Bucks' 97-83 first-round playoff victory on Saturday in Toronto.

and 15 rebounds for the Bucks, Tony Snell scored 11, and Khriston Middleton finished with 10 points and nine assists.

“Any time you win it feels good, especially against a good team, a playoff-tested team,” Monroe said. “To come in here and get one feels good.”

DeRozan led Toronto with 27 points, and Serge Ibaka had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Toronto recovered to win seven-game series against Indiana and Miami after losing Game 1 openers in last year’s playoffs.

“We’ll figure it out,” Casey

said. “We’ve been there before. It’s not a good feeling.”

Toronto’s Kyle Lowry made only two of 11 field-goal attempts, missing all six 3-point efforts, and finished with four points.

“He had some good looks, he just missed some shots,” Casey said.

After shooting 3 for 13 in a Game 1 loss to Miami in the second round last spring, Lowry stayed past midnight at Air Canada Centre, shooting alone on the court.

Lowry said Saturday’s poor night felt “like deja vu all over again.”

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playoff games at home.

George scored 29 points and Lance Stephenson had 16 for the seventh-seeded Pacers, who will try to even the series on Monday night.

Cleveland had several bad possessions down the stretch and the Cavs went only 14 of 27 from the free-throw line.

After dropping their last four and going 10-14 since March 1, the Cavs entered the postseason appearing very vulnerable. It’s too soon to say whether they have their act together, but for three quarters they looked more like a team capable of reaching its third straight Finals.

Irving dismissed the idea that Cavs feel vulnerable.

“Hell, no,” he snapped. “Not going into the game with the group that we have.”

Indiana played a solid all-around game, matching the Cavs at both ends and even out-rebounding them.

But, as usual, the Pacers couldn’t contain James, who improved to 45-7 in the opening round and made sure he and his teammates didn’t stumble out of the postseason gate.

As he does every year, James avoids social media and other outside communication, a tradition he calls “Zero Dark 23.” Coach Tyrone Lue said there is a noticeable transformation in James, trying to make his seventh Finals in a row, when the ball goes up in April.

“Not a lot of laughing. A lot of seriousness,” he said. “When the playoffs start, it’s just his time. He’s always focused and that’s just who he’s been since I’ve

been around him.”

The 32-year-old James made the most sensational play of the first half, soaring in the lane to grab a lob with his back to the basket before adjusting his body and delivering a reverse dunk — the kind of play only he seems to make.

TIP-INS

Pacers: This is G Jeff Teague’s third straight postseason facing the Cavs. He was previously with Atlanta, which was swept by Cleveland in 2015 and 2016. ... Indiana has been in playoff mode for weeks and George carried the Pacers down the stretch go to get them into the postseason by averaging 32.8 points, 8.2 rebounds and 4.5 assists during a 5-1 April. “What you see from good players is those guys being able to elevate their game,” McMillan said. “Really the last month, we’ve been in the position where we needed our good player to do that in order for us to be standing here today. And he has done that.”

Cavaliers: In his 14th season, James led the league in minutes, averaging 37.8 per game. He and Lue wanted to taper the star’s playing time in the final month, but that didn’t happen until the last week. Lue doesn’t anticipate the minutes catching up to James, but that remains an unknown. “LeBron’s a competitor, he wants to win and me tapering his minutes down, he thought it would be bad, especially with the things we were going through at the time,” Lue said. “We just gotta see how his body feels and he’ll communicate that with me.”

FIRE ANTS

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“We played better in the first game than we really have all year,” Medlin said of the opening game on Friday. “We got a starting pitcher to go out and throw a complete game and give us seven innings — which we desperately needed with as thin as our bullpen has been.”

Mitchell only had one real inning of trouble. He walked three — his only walks of the day — and gave up two hits in the fourth, but managed to escape with just one run being scored.

A solo homer by SMC’s Jackson Williams to lead off the second was his only other blemish. He struck out nine, including two straight to finish off the fourth inning and limit the damage against him.

“I was just hitting spots with my pitches and focusing on locating my fastball,” Mitchell said. “I was just trying to stay ahead (of batters). They got me in the stretch (in the fourth inning) and I hadn’t been there in a while, but I was able to bounce back and make some good pitches.”

“My changeup was really working today.” USC Sumter’s offense kept the game close as well. Eric McGirt doubled in the first run of the contest in the Fire Ants’ opening at-bat and Grayson Cottingham drove in the second an inning later with an RBI single.

The score was 2-2 in the bot-



USC Sumter first baseman Patrick Price fouls a ball off his hip during Friday’s 3-2 victory over Spartanburg Methodist College in the opening game of a doubleheader at Riley Park. The Fire Ants lost the second contest 8-6 and were swept on Saturday.

tom of the fifth when DJ Neal singled to lead off the inning. Three batters later, with Neal on third following a stolen base and a wild pitch, Gage Taylor hit a sharp grounder to the first baseman for the second out of the inning and Neal slid home with the go-ahead run ahead of the throw back. Mitchell took care of the rest.

The late offensive spark car-

ried over into Game 2 for USC Sumter. Trailing 1-0 in the first, McGirt quickly changed things with an opposite-field 3-run homer off SMC starter Hayden McCutcheon that bounced off the scoreboard to put the Fire Ants on top 3-1.

“At first (McCutcheon) threw me low — I think a changeup,” McGirt said. “I was just looking for a fastball

out. I knew he was going to throw it and I was able to turn on it.

“I just came in to the day trying to stay focused and trying to do what I could to help us win.”

McGirt did all he could, tallying five hits total. He added an RBI double in the fifth and Taylor followed soon after with a 2-run double as USCS took a commanding 6-1 lead after five innings.

Things changed quickly, however. Blake Robinson, the USCS starter, had allowed just three hits himself through the first five innings, but two singles, two walks, a hit batsman with the bases loaded and an RBI fielder’s choice ended his night. He finished with five strikeouts.

The Pioneers added a sacrifice fly after Robinson left to cut the deficit to 6-4, but more importantly had gained momentum. Williams hit a solo homer, his second of the day, with one out in the seventh to make it 6-5.

With two down and nobody on, Fire Ant left-hander Harrison Merck plunked SMC’s

Sheldon Reed to put the potential tying run on base.

“That’s the second week in a row we’ve had a left-hander on the mound going against a left-handed batter in that kind of situation,” Medlin. “And for the second week in a row, we hit him and it cost us.”

Medlin replaced Merck with Andrew Brong, and after a wild pitch moved Reed to second, Pioneers shortstop Brenton Burgess tied the game with an RBI single through the hole between third and short.

The wheels fell off shortly after as Matthew Heard and Cole Jackson hit back-to-back RBI doubles to put SMC up 8-6.

Williams had four combined hits to lead the Pioneers. Travius Ford had two and both Burgess and Heard drove in two runs apiece in the second game.

Cottingham had four combined hits for USC Sumter and scored three runs. Patrick Price had four hits as well. Leniel Gonzalez, the former Lakewood High standout, had two hits in the second contest and reached base four times.

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PAR SCORES

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Saturday
At Harbour Town Golf Links
Hilton Head Island
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Yardage: 7,099; Par 71
Third Round

Jason Dufner	68-67-65—200	-13
Graham DeLaet	65-67-69—201	-12
Kevin Kisner	72-64-66—202	-11
Webb Simpson	66-68-68—202	-11
Ian Poulter	66-68-69—203	-10
Wesley Bryan	69-67-68—204	-9
William McGirt	68-68-68—204	-9
Luke Donald	65-67-72—204	-9
J.J. Spaun	67-72-66—205	-8
Ollie Schniederjans	68-68-69—205	-8
Tyrrell Hatton	69-68-68—205	-8
Nick Taylor	69-66-70—205	-8
Billy Hurley III	69-71-66—206	-7
Patrick Cantlay	70-66—206	-7
Bud Cauley	63-72-71—206	-7
Brian Harman	71-70-66—207	-6
Peter Malnati	71-69-67—207	-6
Chad Campbell	69-69-69—207	-6
Brian Gay	68-70-69—207	-6
Ryan Palmer	68-73-67—208	-5
Blayne Barber	71-68-69—208	-5
Branden Grace	68-71-69—208	-5
Rafael Campos	68-70-70—208	-5
Sung Kang	69-69-70—208	-5
Francesco Molinari	67-71-70—208	-5
Patton Kizzire	72-66-70—208	-5
Cameron Smith	67-70-71—208	-5
Adam Hadwin	71-66-71—208	-5
Brandt Snedeker	69-68-71—208	-5
Russell Knox	70-66-72—208	-5
Keegan Bradley	75-66-68—209	-4
Tyrone Van Aswegen	70-70-69—209	-4
Graeme McDowell	72-68-69—209	-4
David Hearn	70-70-69—209	-4
Andrew Johnston	68-71-70—209	-4
Jason Bohn	67-72-70—209	-4
Harold Varner III	67-72-70—209	-4
Johnson Wagner	70-69-70—209	-4
Daniel Summerhays	73-66-70—209	-4
Derek Fathauer	72-67-70—209	-4
Hidetoshi Tanihara	67-70-72—209	-4
Sam Saunders	65-70-74—209	-4
Boo Weekley	72-69-69—210	-3
Rod Pampling	69-72-69—210	-3
Shane Lowry	66-75-69—210	-3
K.J. Choi	69-71-70—210	-3
Ryan Blaum	71-69-70—210	-3
Bryce Molder	73-67-70—210	-3
Zac Blair	70-70-70—210	-3
Russell Henley	66-73-71—210	-3
Martin Laird	69-70-71—210	-3
Alex Cejka	71-66-73—210	-3
Fabian Gomez	74-67-70—211	-2
Grayson Murray	67-73-71—211	-2
Lucas Glover	72-68-71—211	-2
Brian Stuard	69-71-71—211	-2
Charles Howell III	70-70-71—211	-2
Mark Anderson	69-70-72—211	-2
Jonas Blixt	69-70-72—211	-2
Danny Lee	66-72-73—211	-2
Martin Kaymer	68-69-74—211	-2
Marc Leishman	68-69-74—211	-2
Kyle Stanley	71-70-71—212	-1
Steve Marino	69-71-72—212	-1
Ben Crane	66-74-72—212	-1
Matt Kuchar	68-71-73—212	-1
Kevin Na	70-69-73—212	-1
Anirban Lahiri	67-70-75—212	-1
Yuta Ikeda	70-71-72—213	E
C.T. Pan	71-69-73—213	E
Trey Mullinax	73-68-73—214	+1
Vaughn Taylor	71-70-73—214	+1
Mark Hubbard	70-71-74—215	+2
Pat Perez	68-67-81—216	+3

TEE TIMES

TODAY

8:21 a.m. — Mark Hubbard, Pat Perez
 8:30 a.m. — Trey Mullinax, Vaughn Taylor
 8:39 a.m. — Yuta Ikeda, C.T. Pan
 8:48 a.m. — Kevin Na, Anirban Lahiri
 8:57 a.m. — Ben Crane, Matt Kuchar
 9:06 a.m. — Kyle Stanley, Steve Marino
 9:15 a.m. — Martin Kaymer, Marc Leishman
 9:24 a.m. — Jonas Blixt, Danny Lee
 9:33 a.m. — Charles Howell III, Mark Anderson
 9:42 a.m. — Lucas Glover, Brian Stuard
 9:51 a.m. — Fabian Gomez, Grayson Murray
 10:00 a.m. — Martin Laird, Alex Cejka
 10:09 a.m. — Zac Blair, Russell Henley
 10:18 a.m. — Ryan Blaum, Bryce Molder
 10:27 a.m. — Shane Lowry, K.J. Choi
 10:36 a.m. — Boo Weekley, Rod Pampling
 10:45 a.m. — Hideto Tanihara, Sam Saunders
 10:54 a.m. — Daniel Summerhays, Derek Fathauer
 11:03 a.m. — Harold Varner III, Johnson Wagner
 11:12 a.m. — Andrew Johnston, Jason Bohn
 11:21 a.m. — Graeme McDowell, David Hearn
 11:30 a.m. — Keegan Bradley, Tyrone Van Aswegen
 11:40 a.m. — Brandt Snedeker, Russell Knox
 11:50 a.m. — Cameron Smith, Adam Hadwin
 12:00 p.m. — Francesco Molinari, Patton Kizzire
 12:10 p.m. — Rafa Campos, Sung Kang
 12:20 p.m. — Blayne Barber, Branden Grace
 12:30 p.m. — Brian Gay, Ryan Palmer
 12:40 p.m. — Peter Malnati, Chad Campbell
 12:50 p.m. — Bud Cauley, Brian Harman
 1:00 p.m. — Billy Hurley III, Patrick Cantlay
 1:10 p.m. — Tyrrell Hatton, Nick Taylor
 1:20 p.m. — J.J. Spaun, Ollie Schniederjans
 1:30 p.m. — William McGirt, Luke Donald
 1:40 p.m. — Ian Poulter, Wesley Bryan
 1:50 p.m. — Kevin Kisner, Webb Simpson
 2:00 p.m. — Jason Dufner, Graham DeLaet

SOARING

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week, where he kind of lowered his expectations, and got out of his way, so to speak, and let his talent and his game plan take it from there.”

Dufner’s talent was on display, particularly on Harbour Town’s par-5s.

He blasted a 215-yard approach on the second hole to 11 feet for his first eagle. He was short of the fifth green in two, then chipped in from about 100 feet for his second eagle. On the 15th, the course’s final long hole, Dufner settled for birdie, part of three in a row on the back nine that took him into the lead.

Dufner plays Harbour Town often, but without much success. His best finish was a tie for 14th and only once in seven previous fourth rounds has shot in the 60s. He is chasing his fifth PGA Tour title — and just the second since winning the Wanamaker Trophy at Oak Hill four years ago.

Dufner said he took confidence from his Masters performance and has carried that into this week.

“I feel like this golf course has always been a good set up for me,” Dufner said. “I haven’t had amazing results here, but I’ve been pretty consistent. We’ll see how it goes tomorrow.”

DeLaet was tied with Dufner heading into his final hole, but three-putted No. 18 from 35 feet to fall back.



Brian Harman acknowledges the crowd after his birdie putt on No. 9 during Saturday’s third round of the RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head Island.

Still, it was the Canadian’s third straight sub-70 round after having just five in five previous appearances here.

DeLaet is seeking his first tour win and knows it will take a mental effort to keep him straight. “Obviously,

this is the one thing that’s kind of missing,” DeLaet said. “So there’s going to be some battles (inside) that I’m going to have to deal with.”

Kevin Kisner and Webb Simpson were at 11 under.

Kisner shot a 66, and Simpson, the former U.S. Open champ, had a 68.

Kisner followed up his 64 with a second straight bogey-free round at Harbour Town. The last of his five birdies — a 30-footer on No. 17 — pushed him into the tie with Simpson.

Simpson was the hottest player on the course when the round began, going 4-under over his first six holes including an eagle-3 at the par-5 fifth. Then Simpson cooled off, with 11 pars and a bogey on the 16th that dropped him two shots behind.

Ian Poulter, in a chase to stay on tour, shot 69 to stay in fifth. He had three birdies on the final five holes before the turn to share the lead with Simpson for a time. On the 10th hole, however, he hit his drive left in the water, then landed his second tee shot along the water line where an alligator — perhaps miffed by the first water ball — stared down the Englishman known for his colorful outfits. Poulter tried to set up, but the gator would not relent until the caddie of playing partner Simpson charged the reptile.

The alligator retreated to safer waters and Poulter took double bogey.

Poulter, playing on a medical extension, needs to earn \$145,000 of 117 FedEx Cup points over the next two weeks to keep his playing privileges intact. He’s in good because fifth place pays \$260,000.

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Beer’s 2-run single in 9th lifts Tigers past Noles 12-10

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Seth Beer’s 2-run single in the top of the ninth inning broke a 10-10 tie as fourth-



BEER

ranked Clemson defeated 25th-ranked Florida State 12-10 on Saturday at Dick Howser Stadium.

The Tigers improved to 30-5 overall and 14-2 in the ACC. The Seminoles fell to 21-15 and 7-9.

Clemson held a 9-1 advantage at one points, but FSU chipped away until it put up a 3-spot in the seventh inning to tie the game.

Tigers starter and former Sumter High and Sumter P-15’s standout Charlie Barnes earned a no-decision after exiting after five innings. He was charged with six earned runs on seven hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

Beer had three hits, including a double and a home run, and drove in four on the night. Reed Rohlfman had three hits as well and Logan Davidson and Chris Williams drove in two runs apiece.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 5 SOUTH CAROLINA 4

COLUMBIA — After trailing by three runs entering the ninth inning, eighth-ranked South Carolina fought back as Carlos Cortes hit his second homer of the game to bring the Gamecocks within one, but 13th-ranked Mississippi State held on for a 5-4 win on Saturday at Founders Park.

Carolina is now 21-13 on the year and 7-7 in SEC play with MSU 25-12 overall and 10-4 in the league.

Cortes hit a 2-run homer in the third for the Gamecocks as they briefly took a 2-1 lead.

MSU went up 5-2 in the ninth thanks to three singles, including a pair of infield hits and a wild pitch.

Jacob Olson and Cortes kept the Gamecocks in the game in the bottom of the ninth inning. Olson walked with one out and scored on Cortes’ second homer of the game to bring the Gamecocks within a run. But that would be it for Carolina

as Price retired the final two Gamecock hitters of the inning to seal the win for MSU.

On Friday, South Carolina fought and rallied to score four in the bottom of the seventh inning, but fell short as Mississippi State edged the Gamecocks 7-4 on Friday.

SEARS STRIKES OUT 15 IN CITADEL LOSS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Citadel baseball team came up just short as Samford hit a 2-out walk-off double in the bottom of the ninth inning to win 1-0 Thursday night at Joe Lee Griffin Field.

Despite the loss, the story of the night was starting pitcher and former Wilson

Hall standout JP Sears. After being named to the prestigious Golden Spikes Award Midseason Watch List earlier this week, Sears proved why with 15 strikeouts in eight shutout innings of Samford.

Sears was dominant once again, recording his fourth double-digit strikeout game of the year and his eighth of his career as he mowed down the Samford lineup. Sears also posted 15 or more strikeouts for the third time this year, the fourth of his career. The Citadel southpaw struck out the side in both the second and fourth inning and struck out two batters in four other innings.

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Fireworks go off over SunTrust Park after Atlanta defeated San Diego 5-2 on Friday in Atlanta. The Braves played their first regular-season game in the new suburban stadium that replaced Turner Field.

BRAVES

FROM PAGE B1

wife, Rosalynn, attended the game.

Jones, who retired following the 2012 season, played when the Braves opened their former park, Turner Field, in 1997. The Braves played in the old stadium, built for the 1996 Olympics, for only 20 years.

Jones scanned the new park before Friday night's game against the San Diego Padres and said he was "very jealous."

"I was born 10 years too early," Jones said, adding he believes the Braves' new home will be better for hitters.

"There weren't too many cheap homers at Turner Field," Jones said. "This place, I don't think you're going to have to necessarily crush one to get it out of here."

Commissioner Rob Manfred welcomed fans to "baseball's newest gem."

Fans seemed to agree with Manfred's review of the \$622 million park, which is flanked by an expansive mixed-use development offering restaurants, apartments, office space, a concert venue

and a hotel which will open next year.

"I've been waiting on them to come," said Chris Witzel, who now has a short drive from his home in Smyrna, Georgia.

Witzel said he wasn't a regular at Turner Field but bought season tickets at the new park. He said the park has made a good first impression.

"I like the way they have taken different aspects from different parks," Witzel said. "I've been to a lot of parks and I think it has a little bit of the feel of PNC Park in Pittsburgh and Camden Yards in Baltimore with the green seats and the brick. It has that ambiance."

Added Michael Fort, who drove to the game with his wife, Crisa, from Savannah: "I like all the seats, the way they've got them angled so you can see real good."

The suburban park is located at the interchange of two major interstates, prompting concerns about traffic. Those worries increased when a fire under an underpass of another Atlanta interstate two weeks ago closed a section of that highway.

A sellout of about 41,000

was expected, and most seats were filled before the first pitch.

The Braves hope fans take advantage of the dining and shopping options in the complex around the park.

Freeman said walking into the stadium from the mixed-use development "is the big wow factor."

"It's going to be a better experience for the fans and for us, too," he said.

Ender Inciarte hit the first home run, local product Nick Markakis drove in the first two runs and the Braves beat the San Diego Padres 5-2 to send everyone home happy.

The Braves won their second straight game after a 1-6 start.

Julio Teheran (1-0) was a bit wild but lasted six innings. He gave up both San Diego runs, working around four walks and two hit batters. Jim Johnson worked the ninth for his second save.

Markakis, who grew up in nearby Woodstock, put the Braves ahead in the first with a two-run double off Jhoulys Chacin (1-2). Inciarte gave Atlanta some breathing room in the sixth with a 2-run shot into the right-field seats, his third homer of the season.

MLB ROUNDUP

McCutchen's 3-run HR helps Pirates rally past Cubs 8-7

CHICAGO — Andrew McCutchen hit a go-ahead, 3-run homer in a 5-run seventh inning that led the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Chicago Cubs 8-7 on Saturday.

Francisco Cervelli, Josh Harrison and Starling Marte also homered for Pittsburgh on a hot, windy afternoon.

Chicago led 6-2 before Marte's solo drive in the sixth inning off starter Jake Arrieta.

Pedro Strop (0-1) walked Marte, and McCutchen homered into the first row of the left-field bleachers for an 8-6 lead.

ROCKIES 5

GIANTS 0

SAN FRANCISCO — Tyler Chatwood pitched 5 2/3 perfect innings before Chris Marrero's single and finished with a 2-hitter for the Colorado Rockies in his first big league shutout, a 5-0 win over the San Francisco Giants.

Chatwood (1-2) struck out four and walked one. He retired 17 consecutive batters before Marrero lined a single into right field. Joe Panik singled leading off the seventh.

Nolan Arenado had three hits, including a home run.

RED SOX 2

RAYS 1

BOSTON — Chris Sale was dominant with 12 strikeouts over seven innings for his first victory with Boston, Mitch Moreland hit a solo homer and the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1.

Sale (1-1) allowed one run on three hits with three walks, striking out seven of the last nine batters he faced.

YANKEES 3

CARDINALS 2

NEW YORK — Cardinals ace Carlos Martinez put on a historically uneven performance, walking a career-high



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Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen, center, celebrates with teammates after hitting a 3-run homer against the Chicago Cubs during an 8-7 victory on Saturday in Chicago.

eight while striking out 11 and handing CC Sabathia and the New York Yankees a 3-2 win.

ASTROS 10

ATHLETICS 6

OAKLAND, Calif. — George Springer hit a 2-run homer in the eighth inning after Nori Aoki put Houston ahead with one of his two RBI, and the Astros rallied from a 5-run deficit to beat the Oakland Athletics 10-6.

PHILLIES 4

NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Cesar Hernandez hit a tiebreaking, 2-run homer off Joe Blanton in the eighth inning, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 4-2 to stop a 4-game losing streak.

TWINS 6

WHITE SOX 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Ervin Santana pitched a 1-hitter for the first complete-game victo-

ry by a pitcher in the major leagues this season, and the Minnesota Twins beat the White Sox 6-0 to stop Chicago's 3-game winning streak.

BLUE JAYS 2

ORIOLES 1

TORONTO — Kendrys Morales homered off Tyler Wilson leading off the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays stopped a seven-game losing 7-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

REDS 7

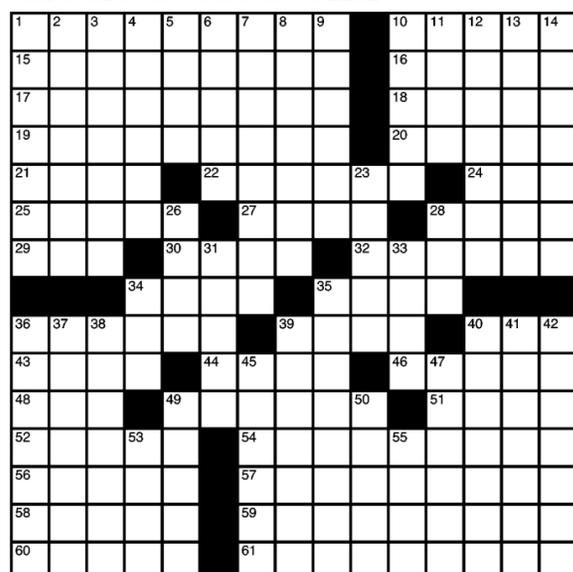
BREWERS 5

CINCINNATI — Jesse Winker doubled home the go-ahead runs with his first major league hit, and the Cincinnati Reds overcame two more homers by Eric Thames for a 7-5 victory, ending the Milwaukee Brewers' 4-game winning streak.

From wire reports

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Roland Huget

4/15/17

ACROSS

- 1 Nevada's state flower
- 10 Yippie Hoffman
- 15 Silver tongue
- 16 Like some winds
- 17 Becomes ripe
- 18 "Joyful, ___ nations, rise": carol lyric
- 19 Asylum seeker
- 20 Walk quartet
- 21 Ratshkeller
- 22 In silence
- 24 Half of Benifer
- 25 "Inferiority complex" coiner
- 27 "Unfaithful" co-star
- 28 Hold 'em holding
- 29 Calif. NHL team, on scoreboards
- 30 How many TV shows are aired
- 32 Liftoff sensation
- 34 Record flaw
- 35 Moonraker, for one
- 36 "You kiss by the book" speaker
- 39 Solar ___
- 40 Word heard before a pistol fires
- 43 Heavy traffic may affect them, briefly
- 44 Buddy
- 46 Seriously hurts
- 48 First date concern
- 49 Civil War battle site
- 51 Tahari of fashion
- 52 Young would-be 19-Across in 2000 news
- 54 River across Quebec, in Quebec
- 56 Overindulgence
- 57 Carousel riders
- 58 Business that requires browsing
- 59 Lily's "Laugh-In" operator
- 60 Janitor's supply
- 61 Collector's targets
- 7 Innate
- 8 Like many candles
- 9 Hawthorne's Prynne
- 10 Sheikdom of song
- 11 Coach of Nadia and Mary Lou
- 12 Protective display cover
- 13 Charming rustic
- 14 Candidate for Photoshop
- 23 By the book
- 26 Get to
- 28 Campaign pro
- 31 V-shaped cut
- 33 Thin coat
- 34 Grafton's "___ for Burglar"
- 35 Pasta ingredient
- 36 Biblical wife of Ahab
- 37 Water or gas
- 38 Selena and others
- 39 Lab dish subject
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- 41 Distinguished
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Friday's Puzzle Solved



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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

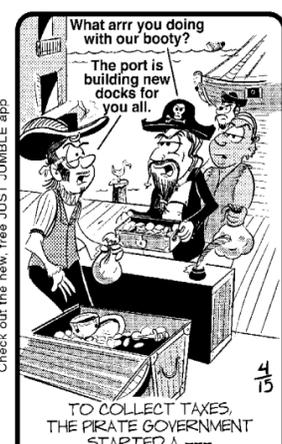
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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RULTY

TARMET

CEERTJ



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: _____

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MINUS SNOWY FLINCH PACKET
Answer: After escaping his "Underwater Cell," Houdini couldn't — CONTAIN HIMSELF

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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THE ANSWERS TO THESE PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON TODAY'S DAILY PLANNER PAGE.

the Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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This image is from a live video of an eagle nest in Washington, DC. Go online to dceaglecam.org to watch. Copyright 2017 American Eagle Foundation.

Some eagle sightings

My attention was focused on the turkeys out in the field to our front, but I knew the crows were after something. They were putting up quite a fuss, and were headed in our direction. I looked up just as they started to pass overhead.

"Look at that big bird" I said to my son Clayton. But, I realized as soon as I said those words, that it was an eagle. They flew directly over us at tree top level with the crows darting and diving at the immature bald eagle.



Dan Geddings

I noticed the white mottling in its breast, that seems like an undercoat of its overall dark brown color. There was no white on the head or tail. The flight was deliberate but not hurried. It seemed to be somewhat indifferent to the crows.

The eagle flew on across the tree tops toward Sumter. This sighting was this past weekend on our hunting lease, just off Bethel Church Road, near Pinewood. They are strikingly beautiful birds. Mature eagles have brilliant white heads and tails that glow like neon against a bright blue sky. They look black at a distance, but their body color is dark brown. The beak, feet, and piercing eyes are bright yellow.

Eagles are not plentiful in our area, but they are here, and I see them occasionally. They are big birds, slightly larger than vultures. Their wings are longer and are held straight out with no bow. Vultures and buzzards have a distinct bow or bend to their wings. Much like a shallow "v." Eagles do soar, but not continuously, as vultures and buzzards do.

I saw an adult eagle last spring while sitting in traffic at the intersection of Pinewood and Wedgefield roads. It was coming from Second Mill Pond and had a large fish in its claws. It flew to the southwest just above the tree line. Later in the year I saw an adult eagle sitting in a tree off Kolb Road near Twin Lakes. It was being mobbed by crows. Driving home one day down McCray's Mill Road I saw an adult eagle diving toward the surface of a detention pond across from Meadowcroft Subdivision.

In late September I saw an immature eagle sitting in a dead oak tree in a resi-

dential yard along Black River Road. Its head and tail were mottled brown and white. It flew south toward Dalzell, when I stopped to look. Later, Hurricane Matthew blew the dead oak over.

One morning in mid December I saw an immature eagle fly over Peach Orchard Road just north of Highway 378. It was flying low, and its flight was deliberate and steady toward Shaw Air Force Base.

In late January this year my wife Ginger and I saw an adult eagle soaring in tight circles over a pond along McCrays Mill Road. It was struggling against a strong wind, and eventually flew off to the east toward Sumter.

On Presidents Day in February I checked on an eagle's nest that is located along Boggy Branch near Pinewood. The nest is in a pine tree that stands on the edge of a beaver pond. It can not be seen from the public roads in the area. From a distance with binoculars, I could see one adult eagle standing on the nest.

In early March I noticed an eagle soaring in high, tight circles near Cain Savannah. It was cloudy and I could only see the dark silhouette, but the long flat wings made identification certain. It drifted off toward Westlake.

According to Charlotte Hope at South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, there is only one other known eagle nest in Sumter County. It is located on the Wateree River very near the Sumter/Kershaw County line.

She told me recently that there are probably other nests in the county that haven't been reported to S.C. DNR. If you know of another eagle nest in the area, contact her at (843) 953-9017 or visit <http://dnr.sc.gov> to report its location.

Eagles have made a remarkable comeback in recent years and have been removed from the Endangered Species List, but they are still protected. DNR monitors known eagle nesting sites, and advises landowners on common sense restrictions to minimize disturbances during the nesting season.

Eagles are our national symbol, and it is gratifying to see them living and raising young in our area, foraging in our ponds, and soaring in our sky. I think we must be doing something right.

Dan Geddings is a weekly columnist for *The Sumter Item*. Email Dan at cdgeddings@gmail.com.

Boat company expanding in Summerville

COLUMBIA (AP) — A company that makes fishing boats plans to expand its operations in South Carolina and hire another 370 employees.

The state commerce department said in a news release Thursday that Scout

Boats plans to spend nearly \$11 million on the expansion of its operations in Summerville.

The company plans to add several new models to its product line.

Scout Boats makes a variety of coastal fishing boats

ranging from 17 feet to 53 feet in length.

A new facility is designed to accommodate a new 53-foot luxury yacht model.

Scout Boats was founded in 1989 and is headquartered in Summerville.

Alum secures donation for Clarendon Hall

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Clarendon County farmer David Tindal won the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation from the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, to Clarendon Hall.

Clarendon Hall will use the funds to purchase textbooks for implementing the new math curriculum in fifth, sixth and seventh grades and the purchase of audio visual equipment for classrooms. In addition, the school will donate \$250 to St. Mary's Catholic Church "Food Pantry" which aids families in the Summerton area.

"Being in the heart of an agricultural area, we, as a school, have a great respect for farmers said Phillip Rizzo Jr Headmaster of Clarendon Hall. "Obtaining this donation by Mr. Tindal, a graduate of Clarendon Hall, demonstrates that farmers help their community in many ways and we truly appreciate his effort to help Clarendon Hall."

The Grow Communities program's purpose is to make a positive impact in farm com-

munities by partnering with farmers to support the causes that are important to them in their communities, according to a press release about the award. Each year, farmers enter for a chance to win a \$2,500 donation that they direct to a local nonprofit.

Since the program began in 2010, farmers have directed more than \$26 million in donations across a broad cross-section of organizations that reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including food banks, emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs and many others.

"Farmers have directed funds to more than 8,000 community organizations across rural America since Grow Communities began," said Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president. "Farmers are truly committed to this program because they see the difference the donation makes in their community."

For more information or to see a complete list of the 2017 America's Farmers Grow Communities recipients, visit www.GrowCommunities.com.



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From left, David L. Tindal IV, Cortland McIntosh, and David L. Tindal, III, pose with an oversize check representing a donation which will be made to Clarendon Hall in Manning and the St. Mary's Catholic Church food pantry.

FISHING REPORTS

SANTEE-COOPER SYSTEM (3/31)

Santee Cooper water levels are at 74.71 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 74.48 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5). Water conditions are extremely clear for Santee and temperatures range from the mid-60s all the way up to the lower 70s.

In catfish news, Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) reports that the big blue catfish have turned on in the Santee Cooper lakes. In a scouting trip on Wednesday he fished areas that historically have produced big fish for him at this time of year, and in 3-12 feet of water he caught a 24-pound fish as well as three more over 30 pounds. Drifting cut shad has been the ticket.

On the crappie front, skyrocketing water temperatures mean that the crappie spawn is winding down and will very soon be pretty much over. The best fishing has moved back out to brush, and Captain Steve English's (843-729-4044) boat caught some fish in shallower brush piles this morning. However, they have had the best luck catching white crappie 20-22 feet down over brush in about 30 feet of water.

In the lower lake Steve reports that he has been up shallow looking for bream, but there have not been a lot of signs of shellcracker (which usually move up first) shallow. They are still catching fish in the lower lake around deeper brush.

LAKE WATEREE (4/4)

Lake Wateree is at 97.4 percent of full pool, and water temperatures are in the mid- to upper-60s. Prior to the rain last night conditions were clearer than usual.

Catching bass on Lake Wateree is not a problem right now, and tournament angler Dearal Rodgers reports that you can just run down the bank in typical spawning areas and catch plenty of fish. They are in pockets and around docks, timber and other cover, and just throwing

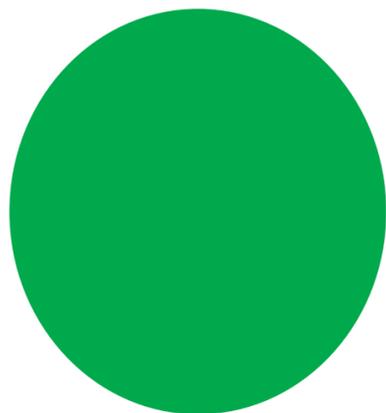
a floating worm in pockets or a jig/shakey head worm around docks will generate plenty of bites.

As for catching big fish, though, it's tougher. Dearal believes that most of the fish are spawning or post-spawn by now, with a lesser number still pre-spawn. Tournament weights are down, and while there are some reports of big fish spawning around grass tournament weights indicate that most anglers are having trouble finding the big girls - while doing a good job catching 2-3 pounders and below.

While the big bass have been a little tricky to locate on Wateree, for most anglers this is the peak time of the year for crappie fishing as fish are pretty much in the middle of the spawn. Veteran tournament angler Will Hinson of Cassatt reports that fish are scattered all over the lake and hungry, and pretty much any pattern you run in less than 16 feet of water can be productive. There's not much going on deeper than that.

Some fish are being caught against the banks, some are being caught around docks, some are being found around bridges, and some are about halfway back in the creeks. If you're favorite way to fish is to cast a minnow or jig to shallow cover you can do that, particularly in the backs of coves where fish are lining the banks. If you'd rather cast under docks the best docks have been on the main lake, while some fish are around docks in coves and pockets. If you want to fish multiple rods then long-line trolling jigs tipped with minnows in 6-14 feet of water in the middle to back of creeks is probably the most productive pattern.

Will advises that fish won't be found everywhere, and it can be a little spot-specific, but if you keep on looking you should catch fish right now. This period should last for about another week or two.



USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE



With Tax Day just two days away, personal-finance website WalletHub gathered some fun facts about tax season:

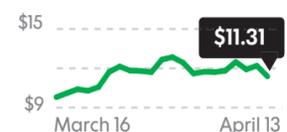
- ▶ **35 cents:** Cost for the IRS to collect \$100 in federal revenue.
- ▶ **1-in-5:** People who would get an "IRS" tattoo for a tax-free future.
- ▶ **6 billion hours:** Total time Americans spend on their taxes each year.
- ▶ **17.8 minutes:** Average wait time when calling the IRS in 2016.
- ▶ **70%:** Percentage of filers getting a federal tax refund (\$2,897 on average).

ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

TOSHIBA

The Japanese conglomerate is warning it might not continue because of growing concern over billions of dollars in losses from its Westinghouse Electric nuclear business. The 142-year-old company reported an operating loss of \$4.8 billion so far this year.



BLACKBERRY

The smartphone maker was awarded \$814.9 million, ending a dispute with Qualcomm. It had argued that it was overpaying Qualcomm in royalty payments. The two companies agreed to enter binding arbitration. Shares reached a 52-week high.



21ST CENTURY FOX

Fox Sports 1 is gaining subscribers, with April numbers showing 3 million users now separating it from ESPN, shrinking its deficit from 12 million in August 2013. It has been investing in its programming and has taken talent away from ESPN.



CONOCOPHILLIPS

The energy company is selling its San Juan Basin assets in New Mexico for \$3 billion and sticking with its strategy of slimming down. Hillcorp Energy will pay \$2.7 billion in cash and a contingent payment of up to \$300 million starting next year.



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TURBOCHARGE TAX BENEFITS: DONATE YOUR CAR

Nicole Arata | NerdWallet

There are perks to donating that outdated car languishing in your driveway: The charity often picks up the car for free, and you get to support a worthy cause. And with a little work, your donation could also yield a sizable tax deduction. To maximize the tax benefits, consider these tips.

PICK THE RIGHT CHARITY

To claim a deduction, you must donate your vehicle to a "qualified" organization. This includes 501(c)(3) organizations, religious or educational charities. Confirm a charity's status with the IRS' Exempt Organizations Select Check.

RESEARCH HOW THE CHARITY USES CARS

This determines your deduction. Generally, if the charity:

- ▶ **Keeps the car:** Kelley Blue Book/Edmunds.
- ▶ **Sells the car for more than \$500:** Your deduction is limited to the proceeds from the sale. If your car is worth

\$3,000 but the charity gets only \$2,500, that's your deduction.

▶ **Sells the vehicle for less than \$500:** You deduct \$500 or the car's market value, if it's less than \$500. So if your car is worth \$450 but sells for \$350, you can deduct \$450. If the car is worth \$800 but sells for \$400, you can deduct \$500.

ITEMIZE TAX DEDUCTIONS

To claim charitable contributions, including your donated vehicle, you must itemize deductions. You can donate your car without itemizing, but you can't claim a deduction for your car and take the standard deduction, a set amount based on your filing

status.

Say your car earns a \$3,000 deduction. You'd choose between taking the standard deduction — \$6,350 for single tax filers in 2017 — or itemizing. If your deductions, including the \$3,000 deduction for the car, total more than the standard deduction, you should probably itemize. But if you have no other deductions, you'd be better off with the standard deduction. Ask a tax professional what's best for you.

KEEP GOOD RECORDS

In general, you must retain documents from the charity that include details about your donation, the car's value and its subse-

To claim charitable contributions, you must itemize deductions.

quent sale. Without this, you can't deduct more than \$500. Other restrictions may apply, so be sure to consult the IRS' guide to vehicle donation.

Claiming a vehicle donation deduction may require extra paperwork, but these tips will help you maximize its value while making a meaningful contribution to your community and more room in your driveway.

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Need a tax extension? Here's what to do

If you need more time, you can get it, no questions asked

Jeff Reeves
Special for USA TODAY

As the April 18 tax deadline approaches, some Americans are still waiting for one or two forms to trickle in. And others, who have had all their paperwork for a while, simply can't find the time or the patience to complete their Form 1040.

Whatever your reasons for being behind on tax prep, take

heart: If you want an extension on filing, the IRS will give you one — no questions asked.

"Generally, any taxpayer can file for an extension of six months for any reason," said John Pier-shale, a certified financial planner and tax specialist at Pier-shale Financial Group in Illinois. "The only requirement is that you file for the extension on time."

Just file Form 4868 by April 18 and extend the due date of your full return to Oct. 16.

This is very easy for anyone who expects a refund. However, if you anticipate owing taxes to the IRS, you must provide an estimated payment or face penalties, said Leslie Thompson, a certified

public accountant and managing principal at Spectrum Management Group in Indianapolis.

"Any unpaid balance (at the April 18 deadline) will accrue interest until paid in full," Thompson said. That means you're paying interest until October even if you don't have to file the rest of your paperwork until then. Additionally, a late payment penalty may be charged if you do not pay at least 90% of the taxes you owed in the prior year by the regular due date, she said.

The IRS has options if you can't pay all the tax on time, such as installment agreements, Pier-shale said. And even if you pay nothing at all, it's still it's impor-

tant to file your taxes or an extension on April 18 all the same. That's because the penalty for late filing can be 10 times higher than for simply making a late payment; the IRS charges an additional 5% on taxes owed for every month you fail to file and a penalty of 0.5% per month on unpaid taxes you owe. "Early and timely filing reduces the risk fraudsters file a fraudulent return prior to your final filing," Thompson said. "So while filing for an extension is a simple process, filing your return by the original due date is advised."

Jeff Reeves is executive editor of InvestorPlace.com.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▼1.0% week ▼1.8% month ▲2.8% 3 months	S&P 500 ▼1.2% week ▼1.5% month ▲2.6% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▼1.3% week ▼0.9% month ▲4.6% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▼1.2% week ▼1.2% month ▲2.2% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▲2.8% week ▲6.9% month ▲7.2% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▲2.9% week ▲11.4% month ▲0.3% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro (week) ▲0.0024 ▲0.0101 month ▲0.0034 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▼1.99 week ▼4.23 month ▼5.26 3 months
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USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

PETE THE PLANNER

Got your 'Peace, I'm out' binder?



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Help your family deal with your death by organizing ALL of your accounts

Peter Dunn
Special for
USA TODAY



Dying was less complicated 20 years ago.

Upon the death of a loved one, a family would obtain a stack of death certificates and get in touch with banks, insurance agents and the Social Security Administration. After all that was completed, survivors could begin to put together the financial pieces and move on with their lives. Today, we live digital lives chock-full of usernames, passwords and security-question answers. Because of this, we leave our survivors in a terrible position upon our deaths.

It's hard to grieve when you're trying to remember your loved one's first pet's name.

To complicate matters even more, for our own security our passwords must not only be randomly generated meaningless groups of letters, numbers and special characters, but they must change quite often. So even if you wanted to keep your family abreast of your security protocol, how could you?

Frankly, it's not practical to update a password list every time you leave the house to grab a gallon of milk in the event that you die.

Recently, I received an email from a woman who is helping her mother cope with the logistical realities of losing her husband. Like a reasonable person should, he froze his credit to both prevent his data from being bought and sold and to prevent identity theft. He even saved his personal identification numbers (PIN) generated from the freezing process. Unfortunately, the PINs aren't working, and the mother can't

answer the security questions correctly. She's simply trying to get bills put in her name, but the lack of access to her husband's credit report is making the process difficult.

To compound issues, her calls to the Internal Revenue Service haven't been successful because after waiting on hold for hours, she gets transferred and then the line cuts out on her. Sadly, I've experienced the same IRS phone nightmare.

I know there are solutions that attempt to solve our digital problems, but they aren't always practical. Do you know what is practical? A Trapper Keeper, or a three-ring binder, or any other device that allow you to keep a bunch of paper documents organized.

You will need about four sections in your "Peace, I'm out" binder. You need a financial section filled with annual account statements from your bank, retirement plans or any other investment account. You will need a debt section filled with account numbers for mortgages, credit cards or any other type of debt. You'll need an insurance section filled with life, health, disability, property and casualty insurance information. And you'll need a cyber section.

Clearly, the cyber section is the tricky part. It should include major digital accounts from social media to online payment services such as PayPal, which often don't have paper account statements. While passwords and usernames would be great, the biggest factor is just letting your survivors know what accounts exist.

Give your family the space to grieve. Don't leave them shaking their fists at you while they try and figure out whether your screenname is BeastMaster_\$49 or Beast_Master_\$49.

Go retro, and put it in a binder.

DIGITAL DOLLARS

Kill 'vampire' power drains and save cash

Marc Saltzman
Special for USA TODAY

While Halloween is still six months away, you likely have some "vampires" lurking around your home today — and they're taking a bite out of your wallet.

With many of our consumer electronics products plugged into electrical sockets — an average of 40 items per household connected at any one time — they're constantly "sucking" electricity, even when not in use. In fact, some of these products can still consume as much as 25% of its full power even when switched off.

There are several ways to fight back against "vampire power" — also referred to as "standby power" or "phantom power" — and ways technology can help you save money in your home.

TIMED POWER CUT-OFFS

Simply unplug the gadgets from the wall when you're not using them or when your devices have finished charging. For example, your smartphone's battery is probably fully charged after 45 minutes, so there's no reason to keep it plugged into the wall overnight. Manually unplugging devices is the cheapest way to handle "vampires" but requires you to stay on top of it. On a related note, curb idle time on your gadgets, such as having your laptop or game console go into sleep mode after a short period.

Special switches and power strips can also cut off electricity, on demand or via a timer. Belkin, for example, has a line of conserve-branded switches (from \$6.99) that shuts off power to what's plugged into it — either with the flip of a switch or after a predetermined amount of time (from \$9.99). Conserve power strips (\$29.99 to \$39.99) can cut off any residual power to the device after a specific time or with a wireless remote switch.

LED LIGHTS

Replacing your incandescent

Some gadgets can still consume 25% of full power even when off

or fluorescent bulbs with LED lights can greatly reduce the amount of power your home consumes as they sip rather than gulp electricity. A 60-watt equivalent, for example, might be only 6.5 to 10 watts for comparable lumens with an LED light — not to mention they can last considerably longer, which saves you even more money. Philips LEDs start at about \$5 for a regular white bulb and with some that allegedly last up to 20 years.

SMART THERMOSTATS

Smart thermostats let you easily adjust heating and cooling settings from your smartphone, tablet or smartwatch, and many can automatically optimize settings based on when you're home and when you're not. By learning your schedule and detecting the weather, ecobee3 lite (\$169), for example, now works with optional wireless sensors for room-by-room comfort.



The Conserve line of products from Belkin help you cut off electricity to your gadgets when you don't need it.

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WATER SENSORS

You're not alone if you're concerned about water damage and the havoc it can wreak — especially if you knew the national average cost to repair water damage is \$2,175 (HomeAdvisor.com). Have some peace of mind with a simple solution such as the D-Link mydlink Wi-Fi Water Sensor (\$59.99). This small white gadget plugs into an open power outlet and immediately notifies you if a leak is detected with a notification sent to your smartphone. There are no monthly monitoring costs as it joins on your existing Wi-Fi connection. This sensor is also ideal for summer homes and rental properties.

THE WEEK AHEAD



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Housing market jumps into spotlight in light news week

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Existing home sales are expected to pick up in March.

The housing market takes center stage in a light week of economic news, with reports on new construction and existing home sales. The strengthening manufacturing sector will also be tested in the latest reading on industrial production.

Housing starts rose to a four-month high in February despite higher mortgage rates, driven by the strongest pace of single-family home building since 2007. But that performance was likely inflated by unusually warm winter weather that pulled forward starts to early in the year.

Some offsetting weakness, as well as much lower temperatures and snowstorms that hit the Midwest and Northeast, were expected to hamper new residential construction in March. Economists estimate the Commerce Department will report Tuesday that housing starts fell 2.2% last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.26 million.

Industrial production was flat in February but that was a by-product of the relatively warm weather, which curtailed demand for utilities.

Manufacturing output rose 0.5% to an 8½-year high as U.S. factories benefit from the oil sec-

tor's rebound and an improving global economy. The opposite dynamic was likely at play in March. The colder weather likely stoked heating demand while manufacturing output was expected to dip slightly, and oil and gas production continued a solid recovery, says PNC Financial Services Group.

Overall, economists expect the Federal Reserve to announce that industrial production increased 0.4% last month.

On Friday, the National Association of Realtors releases its latest report on existing home sales. Sales retreated in February after hitting a 10-year high the previous month. Low home supplies and rising prices and mortgage rates have tempered sales in many regions of the country, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. But demand remains strong as a result of healthy job and income growth and a large crop of Millennials who are itching to move out of their parents' basements. Pending home sales, which often foreshadow future transactions, advanced strongly in February, and mortgage applications for home purchases also rose, Alexander notes. And the bad March weather appeared to have only a limited negative impact, he says. Economists estimate the Realtors group will record a 1.3% rise existing home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.6 million.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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STOCKS: THE MARKET WEEKLY REVIEW

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REFLECTIONS

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'Heroine of Bataan' feted in Sumter during World War II

The "Heroine of Bataan," a heroic World War II nurse, Juanita Redmond was connected to Sumter through her brother Robert, who lived here and worked as manager of Edens Super Market. The story of Redmond's exploits and her escape from the Japanese on the Bataan Peninsula and at Corregidor was published in The Sumter Daily Item. A portion of the text is reprinted below with a degree of editing because of its length.

Juanita Redmond was born in Swansea, where she grew up a red-haired young girl who idolized her older brother Robert. Nurse Redmond left South Carolina after training at the S.C. State Hospital, taking a secretarial course, and working for a couple of years as a stenographer before returning to her career in nursing. She reentered the service in 1936 and served in Hot Springs, Arkansas, before she was assigned to the Philippines to work in two different hospitals.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

First Lt. Redmond "was on the peninsula of Bataan from the beginning of its bloody defense against the invading Japanese and was on Corregidor when the U.S. military surrendered. It was there that she was decorated by the surgeon general of the U.S. Army in Washington."

She told the story of one of the worst battles in history — "of thousands of wounded and dying men being cared for by a handful of American and Philippine nurses, of vital medicinal supplies giving out far too soon, of Japanese bombardiers whose aim was better than expected." She escaped her captors, along with eight other nurses, just before the surrender of the Philippines. She was returned home, and the Army granted her a 30-day leave before returning her to duty.

It was during this time that Redmond visited the Sumter community and helped sell war bonds. The stay also provided her the opportunity to visit with her older brother. While in Sumter she participated in the "American Heroes Day" celebration and was invited to speak to the young pilots stationed at Shaw Field. The modest young heroine who had recently escaped from the Philippines was accorded an impressive re-

ception at the Army's Basic Flying School.

"Dressed in the uniform of an officer of the Army Nurse Corps and with her mother and brother at her side, Lt. Redmond was escorted to post headquarters by the Shaw Field band and a special guard of honor.

"While the guard stood at attention, Maj. George E. Sargent, post special-services officer, presented Lt. Redmond to Col. Burton M. Hovey Jr., post commanding officer; Lt. Col. Daniel A. Cooper, executive officer; and Capt. William A. Thompson, post adjutant. The official party, accompanied by members of Lt. Redmond's family, inspected the field and the flight line where the official cars drove among the training planes parked on the runways. As she looked at the scores of planes, Lt. Redmond remarked, 'If we had only had some of those at Bataan. ...' She later spoke of her of harrowing experiences at Bataan and Corregidor, sharing with the men at Shaw the actual impact of the war in which they were now engaged. She praised the gallantry of the men in the Philippines and urged her listeners to avenge the conquest of these allied soldiers and American possessions in the Pacific."

"Lt. Redmond denounced the apathy of the American public and warned that we must learn, and learn quickly, that we are engaged in a long, hard war against opponents of great shrewdness and military strength. Those who had the idea that the Japanese were poor fighters soon learned that they were sadly mistaken. Their bombing of objectives at Bataan and Corregidor was accurate and unrelenting, and their conquest of the Philippines was the result of careful strategy."

The scheduled bond sale, highlighting Lt. Redmond at Edens grocery, proved very successful and doubled their projected goal of \$100,000 by raising more than \$200,000 in a short span of time.

It was reported in The New York Times, March 1, 1979, that Lt. Col. Juanita Redmond Hipps, "former army nurse who served on Bataan and Corregidor died at age 66. She was the author of a bestseller in 1943, 'I Served On Bataan,' which served as the background for the war movie 'So Proudly We Hail,' the story of Army nurses." According to the New York Times, "She was among the first nurses to earn her golden flight wings and helped establish the flight nurse program in the Air Corps. She retired from the Army in 1976. She was survived by her husband, Gen. William Hipps, a son, William G. Hipps, and two grandchildren."

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Lt. Juanita Redmond, who escaped capture by the Japanese on Bataan peninsula and at Corregidor, is seen with her brother, Robert.



Nurse Juanita Redmond, decorated for her bravery under fire on bloody Bataan peninsula, is seen before her arrival in Sumter to visit her brother Robert Redmond, manager of Edens Super-Market. During her time in Sumter, Lt. Redmond visited Shaw Field and assisted in the sale of war bonds and stamps at her brother's store.



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75 YEARS AGO — 1942

Oct. 31 - Nov. 6

J.M. Eleazer, Sumter County farm agent, will devote much of his time to improving the information service to farm people of the state, it was announced. Eleazer said D.M. Altman, with whom he was in college, has been secured as associate county agent and that he is reporting for duty this week, and that Altman will be familiarized with the work here before Eleazer gives his time to his new work.

• A very important meeting of all air raid wardens and fire spotters will be held Thursday night at 7:30 at the Central School, Washington Street, Chief Air Raid Warden W.M. Crawford announced today. Everyone was asked to wear arm bands and whistles.

• The seed house, meal house and fertilizer building of the Southern Cotton Oil Co. were destroyed by a blaze which city firefighters fought from 2 o'clock this morning until shortly before noon today. A.G. Fishburne, manager of the concern, said early this afternoon that the damage caused by the conflagration had not been estimated.

• Ed W. Hartin, a Sumter businessman who has been active in many phases of civic life, was named president of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce by directors of the organization at a meeting yesterday. Mr. Hartin had recently been elected vice-president of the Community Chest Inc.

• Post office receipts for the month of October just passed were \$10,779.65, Postmaster J.C. Pate announced this morning. That figure represented a 31 percent increase over postal receipts in October 1941. The receipts have continued to show gains each month, despite the soldier's free mail, which enables Shaw Field and motor repair base men to send their letters free of postage. Last month's receipts were helped along, however, by gifts being mailed to men in the armed services.

• Directors of the Sumter Community Chest Inc., will meet Friday to discuss further the keeping system to be adopted by the chest and the selection of a bookkeeper and collector. Shepard K. Nash was named president of the organization and was chosen a director to replace John A. McKnight who resigned.

• The Stateburg Literary and Music Club celebrated its 57th anniversary Oct. 27, at half past four o'clock at Marston, plantation home of Mrs. John J. Dargan and Mrs. S.O. Plowden.

• Eight representatives of the Sumter County Health Department are attending the meetings of the State Board of Health, which opened in Columbia. The sessions will continue through this afternoon. From the department here went Dr. E. Alex Heise, its head; R. Marshall Hildebrand Jr., sanitarian; Miss Betty Fickett, supervisor; Mrs. Lula B. Exum, Miss Jane Watson, Miss Gertrude McGarth, Mrs. Lillian Payne and Miss Lulie Folsom.

• Sgt. Jesse Thomas Hynds, 21, son of Mrs. J.A. Ardis of Sumter, has been reported killed in action somewhere in the Solomon Islands, according to a telegram received by his mother from the Navy De-



1942 — This is a map of the Caucasus war front during World War II.

partment. Hynds was with the Marine Corps and had been in the service for 3 years.

50 YEARS AGO — 1967

July 3 - 9

• Osteen-Davis, in its program to become one of the most modern printing plants in the area, has recently installed the Model "B" Inter-type typesetting equipment to set type for books, programs and newspapers automatically from punched tape. More than \$55,000 has been spent by Osteen-Davis in the last four years in purchasing new equipment. An ATF Solna Off-set press which performs quality color printing was acquired this spring.

• Rain shortened the card at the Sumter Raceway but not the action. Florence's Joe Lane drove his 1955 Chevy to victory in the late model main event which was cut from 40-laps to 25 because of the rain and some heating tempers. The late model main event started with 14 cars and only eight crossed the finish line.

• Navy Capt. M. Vance Dawkins Jr., a native of Sumter, assumed command of the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. The Naval Air Station, located on an island in East San Francisco Bay, is the site of one of the nation's largest Navy aircraft overhaul and repair facilities, as well as home port for the aircraft carriers Coral Sea, Ranger, Oriskany, Hancock and the nuclear-powered Enterprise.

• The Sumter Area Technical Education Center is adding a new basic secretarial course in its business-education division this fall. The new course, set up for nine months, is designed for students with no background in shorthand or typing. Mrs. Nellie J. Black, business education instructor, says the new program will offer "a lot of English and vocabulary, and students finishing the course will have full command of shorthand, typing, office machines and filing."

• A hole-in-one, two eagles and the steady play of Buddy Bramlette highlighted the an-



1992 — Porcher Rembert, retiring area director for Sumter and Clarendon counties for the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, sits in his parlor in a chair passed down through generations from the antebellum days.

nual Fourth of July Sweepstakes Handicap Golf Tournament at the Sunset Country Club. Bramlette, playing with a 16 handicap, toured the 18-hole course in 76 strokes for a net total of 60 to clip runner-up Buddy Hodge, who had a net 64, for the title. John Marshall, who finished fourth with a 65 net, chalked up a hole-in-one on the par three, No. 12 hole while eagles were recorded by Bob Wimberly on the 16th and Dick Harvin on the 17th.

• Bendale Farm, operated by Joe and J.P. Brogdon on Route 5, has received special recognition from the American Jersey Cattle Club for an outstanding production record in its registered Jersey herd. The production level, according to the national organization, "far exceeds" the average of all U.S. dairy cows.

• Morris College is among 52 predominantly Negro colleges in the South receiving a series of Ford Foundation grants totaling \$1.1 million. Morris received \$19,982 for faculty development and shared a \$31,785 grant with eight other colleges. The shared funds are to be used by the colleges for a workshop to plan cooperative projects.

• Starting blocks drop and off roll the two soap box racers, down Tank Hill at Fort Jackson. This will be the scene today at the running of the second annual Soap Box Derby Race in Columbia as a Sumter boy tries to out-race the field of over 70 participants and win the \$500 scholarship prize and trophy. Bobby Robbins, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Robbins, after over three months of hard work, has his 80-inch black-beauty racer ready to roll.

25 YEARS AGO — 1992

April 3 - 9

It is hard to realize that Bible Fellowship Church is over 50 years old. It had a very meager beginning in an old tobacco warehouse which stood on the corner of Hampton and Magnolia streets. A fine young evangelist from Fayetteville, North Carolina, John Cowell, held an evangelistic campaign here which lasted for nine weeks. There was no sponsor and the crowds were small, but Cowell never gave up hope. He led the Christians who had rallied around him in a whole night of prayer.

• The Sumter County Sheriff's Department is trying to track down the person who killed a man and his 17-year-old son late Friday night at their family owned convenience store on the corner of Pinewood and Kolb roads. The two were found dead with gunshot wounds in the Kwik Fare convenient store about 11 p.m. Police are not clear what the motive was and have no leads.

• Porcher Rembert has been working to employ Sumter and Clarendon County job seekers for 30 years. Now that he is retiring as the Sumter and Clarendon County area director for the state Employment Security Commission, it should come as no surprise he has found another job for himself. Rembert, 71, said he plans now to delve into historical research and writing, activities that have always been dear to his heart.

• While the road to earning a university degree isn't always an easy one, USC Sumter's new

Student Activities Coordinator Anthony Rice insists there's nothing wrong with having a little fun along the way. Rice assumed the responsibilities of his new position after USC Sumter Dean Jack Anderson announced the appointment.

• David Deru has joined the faculty of Sumter Area Technical College as a biology instructor. A graduate of Igbobi College in Lagos, Nigeria, Deru earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree from Tennessee State University. Prior to coming to Sumter Area Technical College, Deru was affiliated with Aiken Technical College.

• When Theodis Palmer discovered the Young Women's Christian Association 34 years ago, her eyes opened wide to the importance of women's rights. The YWCA presented an opportunity for Palmer to support women, oppose racism and gain public awareness of social, economic and political issues that affect women and girls. "It provides growth," Palmer said, "You never get through growing with the YWCA."

• The field of candidates vying for the Sumter School District 17 superintendency has been cut to six, and the district's trustees expect to name a new chief administrator by mid-June. Dr. Andrena Ray has been interim superintendent since January, when Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick Jr. died. The candidates were chosen from a field of 35 applicants presented to the board by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

• Newly hired Superintendent Joe Leftt has shuffled the administrative deck of Sumter School District 2, making more than a dozen personnel changes. Leftt, hired Dec. 3 as District 2 superintendent, reassigned eight district administrators and switched principals at six elementary schools as part of last month's annual contract renewal.

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- **Edward Tarrell Pugh and Angela Yvette Simmons**, both of Summerton
- **Samuel Elijah Grant and Luetrisher Baxter Billups of Manning**
- **Edward Guy Gibbons III and Peggy Ann Collins**, both of Manning
- **Craig Joshua Galvin and Jennifer Diann Hodge**
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- **Paul David Larrimore Jr. of Darlington and Jessica Adell Coleman of Lynchburg**
- **Bernard Brogdon of New Zion and Remona Graham of Bowie**, Maryland
- **Julius Reid Jackson of Summerton and Hope Lorraine Williams**
- **Tiffany Brooke Davenport and Emily Lynne Bryant**
- **Isaiah James Reese and Moriah Gail-Lee Garber**
- **Ryan Keith Coker and Haleigh Frances Outlaw of Bishopville**
- **Justin Maurice Monroe and Sabrina Latoshia Smalls**
- **Leah Nicole Whitt and Rhonda Kay Mills**, both of Gable
- **Al Quan Kadeen Hilton and Kanoshia Darjon Rock**
- **James Mason Rigby and Shannon Dakota Rush**, both of Dalzell
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- **Tony Terrill Mickens and Kelli Rae Houck of Bishopville**
- **Otis Tremayne Wright and Shameka Lakhisha Gardner**
- **Andrew Enrico Parker and Rebecca McCornico House**
- **Mena David Bell and Kiley Renee Long**
- **Raymond Lee Watkins and Margaret Melissa Watkins**
- **John Michael Kruger and Tiffani Marie Newman**
- **Christopher Peter Petrera and Sherri Morris Turner**
- **Darin Todd Timmons and Tracy Davis Fidler**
- **Brian Rondell Prioleau and Mattie Latoya Singletary**, both of Dalzell
- **Cedrick Lee Stevens and Tiffany Latoshia Jones**
- **Jimmy Floyd Dorr II and Desiree Dawn Lucia**
- **Bartholomew Gibson Jr. And Natasgha Shantle Wright**
- **Bryan Ray Phillips and Lora Ann George**, both of Wedgefield
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- **Tyler George Harvey and Julia Margaret Dingle**, both of Clemson
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- **Keyonna Monique Pringle and Tatiyana Brianna Taylor**, both of Manning
- **Dariell Kendrick Cooper Jr. and Tierney Arielle Brewer**, both of Columbia
- **Patrick Joseph Belken Jr. and Briana Madison Simmons**
- **Kenneth Roy Heeringa Jr. and Christina Renee Herringa**
- **Kyle David Johnson of Valdosta**, Georgia, and Sandra Allison Parker of Wedgefield
- **Keith Trenton Morris and Krystal Lynn Morris**, both of Dalzell
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- **Steven Antoine Robinson and Sandra Kimberly June**
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- **Donald Wayne Bristow and Patrice Joye Williams**, both of Rembert
- **Brandon Jamal Butler and Kerrin Monique Ravenell**, both of Columbia
- **Trevin Jeremy Wright and Nicolette Arabella Wessendorf**, both of Dalzell
- **Cody Michael Harmel of Fort Wayne**, Indiana, and Rylie Bre-Ann Bryer of Rockwall, Texas
- **Stephen Patrick Henry and Gabriella Elizabeth Klingensmith**, both of Shaw Air Force Base

BUILDING PERMITS

- **South Forge Limited Partnership**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, Building 6, Wedgefield, \$9,633 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, Building 5, Wedgefield, \$9,633 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, Building 4, Wedge-

field, \$9,633 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, Building 3, Wedgefield, \$9,633 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, Building 1, Wedgefield, \$9,633 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, office, Wedgefield, \$2,000 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, gazebo, Wedgefield, \$500 (reroof, commercial); South Forge Limited Partnership, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 230 S.C. 261 South, Building 2, Wedgefield, \$9,633 (reroof, commercial).

- **Prestige Properties Group LLC**, owner, Fremont Nelson, contractor, 108 W. Second St., Pinewood, \$500 (residential demolition of single family dwelling, residential).

- **Allen Wilkinson**, owner and contractor, 2881 Southgate Drive, 576 unheated square feet, \$12,000 (detached barn with metal walls, residential).

- **Sunbelt Management Co. (a limited partnership)**, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 429 Broad St. (431), \$350 (change face of freestanding sign — Smokey Joes, commercial).

- **Jose A. and Earline D. Maccou**, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 5425 Colclough Plantation Road, \$6,426 (remove / replace seven windows — no change in structure, residential).

- **Jessie Workman Jr. Estate et al**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 4580 Easy St., Rembert, \$2,532.70 (reroof — shingles, detached garage, residential).

- **James Edward White**, owner, Major L. Scott dba Fix & Go Repairs, contractor, 1670 Boulevard Road, \$3,411 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Michele N. Reese**, owner, Precision Fence and Decks, contractor, 10 Chartwell Court, \$2,700 (six foot wood fence, residential).

- **Keith E. Kantorczyk**, owner, Pack Construction LLC, contractor, 831 Gray Fox Trail, \$2,850 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Brenda C. Libner**, owner, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 129 Chappell St., \$6,800 (reroof, residential).

- **Laurie V. Merchant**, owner, G. Earl Stephens, contractor, 26 Paisley Park, 364 heated square feet, \$22,000 (enclose attached carport, residential).

- **Ashleigh H. and Alexander Compton**, owner, James Hodge dba G&H Builders, contractor, 107 Salem St. (109), Mayesville, 1,646 heated square feet and 1,073 unheated square feet, \$165,000 (new dwelling, residential).

- **Carolyn E. Walker (lifetime estate) and Betty L. Walker**, owners, Ericsson Inc., contractor, 4600 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$8,000 (antenna and equipment swap / upgrade on existing cell tower, commercial).

- **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 3119 Girard Drive, 2,314 heated square feet and 377 unheated square feet, \$138,539 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 535 Curlew Circle, 2,069 heated square feet and 402 unheated square feet, \$113,150 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2874 Girard Drive, 1,798 heated square feet and 388 unheated square feet, \$124,688 (new dwelling, residential).

- **Patricia K. and Omar Sanders**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2890 Remington Drive, \$28,500 (ground mount solar system, residential).

- **William Scott Briggs and Lori Briggs**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 6050 Wedgefield Road, Wedgefield, \$31,200 (roof mount solar system, residential).

- **Lacey Dawn Mullins**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2890 Remington Drive, \$15,000 (ground mount solar system, residential).

- **Fred G. Marshall**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 1730 Crowndale Drive, \$28,480 (roof mount solar system, residential).

- **Patrick and Arneson L. Fitzgerald**, owners, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 70 Heather Court, \$5,000 (new roof, residential).

- **Janice L. Richburg**, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 328 Winn St., \$3,200 (reroof, residential).

- **Jesse E. McLeod**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 723 S. Sumter St., \$1,850 (replace metal roof, residential).

- **Carrie Green Johnson (a South Carolina general)**, owner, Adams Outdoor Advertising, contractor, 0 Rest Stop Lane, \$6,000 (freestanding billboard, commercial).

- **Harold Wayne Rucker Jr.**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 3895 Colony Circle, \$5,402.65 (reroof, residential).

- **Charles M. Brown Jr.**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 4395 Camden Highway, Dalzell, \$4,765.20 (reroof, residential).

- **Paulita Polk**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 800 Gray Fox Trail, \$4,920.28 (reroof, residential).

- **Charlace J. and Alan T. Mossel**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 2252 Gingko Drive, \$8,036.86 (reroof, residential).

- **Larry and Gayle M. Willard**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 1220 S. Brick Church Road, Gable, \$14,231.80 (reroof, residential).
- **Harmon and Beverly Boone**, owners, Harmon Boone, contractor, 3 W. Red Bay Road, \$2,800 (roofing, residential).

- **Ashby and Algie Mae Green**, owners, Algie Green, contractor, 123 N. Pike West, \$2,800 (roofing, residential).

- **Annie R. Scott* et al**, owner, Anna R. Scott, contractor, 801 Nevada Court, \$2,800 (roofing, residential).

- **Henry W. Todd Jr. and Leslie D. Todd**, owners, John Bailey, contractor, 1735 Queen Chapel Road, \$4,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Burrell S. and Jean S. Rogerson**, owners,

- John Bailey, contractor, 151 Pumpkin Lane, \$2,850 (remove / replace shingles on front only, residential).

- **Reid Chapel AME Church**, owner, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 1009 Dibert St., \$8,500 (remove / replace shingles, commercial).

- **William K. and Johnnie Blackwood**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 3480 Camden Highway, \$4,300 (reroof only, residential).

- **Bernard Burgess**, owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 1009 Booker St., \$2,121 (six window replacements, residential).

- **Linda J. and David A. Thompson**, owners, Tefon Construction Co., contractor, 250 Pack Road (254), 336 unheated square feet, \$21,250 (add covered attached porch, residential).

- **David E. Nance Jr. and Melissa R. Nance**, owners, James Geddings dba Geddings Construction, contractor, 2 Curtiswood Ave., \$5,600 (replace shingles, residential).

- **Patricia L. Anderson**, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 1090 Reedroman Road, \$5,800 (install new roof, residential).

- **Ralph W. McLendon**, owner, Sign It Quick, contractor, 485 N. Lafayette Drive, \$310 (change face of sign — McWhirter, Bellinger & Associate, commercial).

- **Philip A. and Sharon C. Stagg**, owners, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 477 Alpine Drive, \$11,325 (vinyl job / 18 window replacements, residential).

- **Ernest Spann Jr.**, owner, Sears Home Improvement Products Inc., contractor, 115 McCormick Drive, \$14,230.44 (roofing — new shingles, residential).

- **Prissela Anne Lopez**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 895 Winston Road, \$4,000 (reroof house, residential).

- **Sumter Mortgage**, owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 4271 Granada Drive, \$2,850 (roofing, residential).

- **Sylvester O. Lam and Linda C. Dean**, owners, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 660 Flamingo Road, \$350 (replace front steps, residential).

- **Santee Lynches Regional**, owner, G&P Construction, contractor, 190 Hannah St. (192), \$9,100 (residential demolition of house, residential).

- **Dennis M. Logan**, owner, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 55 Evening-shade Lane, 2,511 heated square feet and 3,700 unheated square feet, \$240,000 (new dwelling, residential).

- **Michael Porcher**, owner and contractor, 17 Morgan Ave., 2,480 heated square feet and 120 unheated square feet, \$143,000 (new two family dwelling, residential).

- **MDC Coast 4 LLC**, owner, Anchor Sign Co., contractor, 2480 Broad St., \$6,000 (wall sign — Outback, commercial).

- **Joann T. Ferrell**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 321 Rogers Ave., \$3,800 (install metal roof, residential).

- **United Order of Tents Sumter**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 7 Providence St., \$4,900 (replace shingles, commercial).

- **Carl W. and Dean H. Andrews**, owners, Christopher M. Lambeth, contractor, 3350 Southernhills Drive, \$12,100 (reroof, residential).

- **Murray E. and Murray E. Geddings**, owners, Spurlin Signs & Awnings Inc., contractor, 816 S. Guignard Drive, \$7,500 (freestanding sign — Carquest, commercial).

- **Leroy and Jeanette M. Blanding**, owners, Leroy Blanding, contractor, 875 Bay Blossom Ave., 324 heated square feet, \$8,000 (convert porch to sunroom, residential).

- **Knowlton Properties LLC & Wood**, owners, Sam Avins Construction, contractor, 170 E. Wesmark Blvd., \$10,000 (adding interior partition walls, commercial).

- **R.L. Tidwell Jr.**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 2074 Cains Mill Road (mobile home, residential).

- **Carissa A. Baun and Glenn C. Baun III**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 872 Bay Blossom Ave., \$5,900 (reroof only, residential).

- **Heidi A. Burkett**, owner, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 140 Conyers St., \$1,900 (replace four windows in front of house, residential).

- **Brenda K. Whaley**, owner, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 477 Alpine Drive, \$6,800 (roof replacement, residential).

- **Lois W. Green**, owner, Alton Douglas Nelson, contractor, 1825 Vintage Court, \$9,800 (replace counter tops and shower, residential).

- **Donald F. Fitch**, owner, Alton Douglas Nelson, contractor, 133 Garrett St., \$7,500 (kitchen remodel — counter tops and tile floors, residential).

- **David Green**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 1032 Collins St., \$4,000 (reroof only, residential).

- **Jeneva Johnson**, owner, Golden Construction, contractor, 4415 Bigum St., Dalzell, \$4,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Heirs of Willie Wells**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 1145 Old Pocalla Road (mobile home, residential).

- **Dexter Lee Properties LLC**, owner, R. Belton Consulting LP, contractor, 10 Carrol Drive, \$2,000 (remove existing gypsum board wall and ceiling — interior, residential).

- **Gobe O. McElveen**, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 495 E. Brewington Road, \$6,500 (tear off and replace shingles, residential).

- **Dale H. and Brenda Rose**, owners, Nunery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 661 Chickasaw Drive, \$10,515 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Michael A. and Melbra A. Welch**, owners, Nunery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 1600 U.S. 521 South, \$5,380 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Betty Jean Simms**, owner, J. Bobby

- Sweet dba B Sweet Electric, contractor, 2365 Lisbon Drive, \$6,491.50 (change bathtub and replace with shower, residential).

- **Albert W. Lynch Sr.**, owner, Robert W. Nunery dba Robert W. Nunery, contractor, 574 Pringle Drive, \$7,200 (reroof house, residential).

- **Ryan and Robin Beard**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 382 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$3,000 (reroof, residential).

- **Frances W. Moore et al**, owner, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 1295 Plowden Mill Road, \$3,680 (vinyl siding and wrapping nine windows, residential).

- **Mary Walker (lifetime estate)**, owner, Ray Brunson Brunson Constructions, contractor, 6805 Brohun Camp Road, Wedgefield, 1,080 heated square feet and 432 unheated square feet, \$75,000 (addition of family room / office / full and half-bath / bedroom / porch, residential).

- **Anne C. Abbott**, owner, David Scott Oman, contractor, 2491 Desmond Drive, \$51,362 (roof mount solar system, residential).

- **Ernest Bryan and Leslie Caughman**, owners, BDS Construction, contractor, 1735 Jessamyn Road, 2,531 heated square feet and 1,221 unheated square feet, \$228,000 (new dwelling, residential).

- **Claude A. and Deborah W. Helton**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2361 Stamey Livestock Road, Dalzell, \$29,600 (roof mount solar system, residential).

- **Mungo Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 1768 Ruger Drive, 1,857 heated square feet and 580 unheated square feet, \$143,000 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2130 Indiangrass Cove, 3,007 heated square feet and 481 unheated square feet, \$245,000 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1769 Ruger Drive, 2,223 heated square feet and 535 unheated square feet, \$148,000 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1775 Ruger Drive, 1,772 heated square feet and 535 unheated square feet, \$138,000 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1758 Glenmorangie Drive, 2,392 heated square feet and 538 unheated square feet, \$164,000 (new dwelling, residential).

- **Charles F. Walton Jr. and Anne B. Walton**, owners, George Earl Stephens, contractor, 20 Tucson Drive, \$30,000 (remove damaged portion and rebuild bedroom, residential).

- **RI CSS LLC**, owner, Southeast Construction and Maintenance, contractor, 1970 Camden Highway, \$3,900 (roofing, commercial).

- **McLeod Regional Medical Center**, owner, Tyson Sign Systems Inc., contractor, 540 Physicians Lane, \$14,000 (freestanding sign — McLeod Health, commercial).

- **Louise D. Bevan**, owner, Pack Construction LLC, contractor, 135 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, 576 unheated square feet, \$15,890.25 (detached garage with electrical, residential).

- **David F. and Susan M. Poythress**, owners, James E. Standley, contractor, 1620 Carissa Drive, \$7,000 (roof replacement, residential).

- **Rudolph D. and Patricia D. Wheeler**, owners, James E. Standley, contractor, 6810 Skinner Road, Gable, \$5,735 (roof replacement, residential).

- **Brown Lawson Housing Development**, owner, Hunter Builders, contractor, 125 W. Bartlette St., 168 unheated square feet, \$16,300 (storage room addition, commercial).

- **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner, A&A International Inc., contractor, 2874 Girard Drive, \$3,000 (six foot brick fence, residential).

- **Charlie Dennis Jr. and Willie Dennis**, owners, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 4897 Dais Road, Rembert (mobile home, residential).

- **Jeff Barnes**, owner, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 490 Simpson Road, \$4,500 (mobile home brick underpenning, residential).

- **Alvin Roland McConkey**, owner, Rescomm Development LLC / Power Home Solar, contractor, 1625 Yaupon Drive, \$28,280 (roof mount solar system, residential).

- **JMJ Homes LLC**, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2100 Sans Souci Road, 2,450 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$150,000 (new dwelling, residential); MJM Homes LLC, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2090 Sans Souci Road, 3,400 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$175,000 (new dwelling, residential); MJM Homes LLC, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2070 Sans Souci Road, 3,400 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$175,000 (new dwelling, residential); MJM Homes LLC, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2,339 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$150,000 (new dwelling, residential).

- **City of Sumter / Bobby Galloway**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 14 E. Liberty St., 6,400 heated square feet, \$1,800,000 (office for Sumter Economic Development Board, commercial).

- **M. David Shaw**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 200 S. Harvin St., \$450,000 (renovations to existing building, commercial).

- **Moore Rentals LLC**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 1150 Gilbert St. (mobile home, residential).

- **Dorothy Goodman**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 248 Hagan St., \$3,020 (reroof shingles, residential).

- **Heyward McLeod Jr.**, owner and contractor, 1807 Georgianna Drive, 1,000 unheated square feet, \$2,000 (open detached storage building for boats, residential).

- **Anna S. Arrants**, owner, Nunery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 204 N. Purdy St., \$12,575 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

- **Heirs of Willie Singleton**, owner, Louise H. Singleton, contractor, 1893 Roche Road, \$2,800 (roofing, residential).

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The Sumter City - County Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on **April 26, 2017** at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public meeting.

If there are any questions, please call George McGregor or Donna McCullum at (803) 774-1660.

Summons & Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2016-CP-43-02297

NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

v.
VERMELL EDWARDS, AND IF VERMELL EDWARDS BE DECEASED, THEN ANY AND ALL CHILDREN AND HEIRS AT LAW, DISTRIBUTIBLES AND DEVISEES AND IF ANY OF THE SAME BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THEM, ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST OR LIEN UPON THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, ANY UNKNOWN ADULTS, ANY UNKNOWN INFANTS OR PERSONS UNDER DISABILITY, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE OR PERSONS IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE; ARNOLD EDWARDS; MARY DAVIS; JEREMIAH EDWARDS; VERNON EDWARDS; BOBBIE EDWARDS Defendants.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

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

FURTHER upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire as Attorney for any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire, 2309 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205, with contact # of (803) 771-0936, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all

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unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 14 Peach Street, Sumter, SC 29150; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants. The appointment herein shall otherwise continue and then terminate upon the dismissal of this case or upon final disposition of all matters herein via sale, eviction of occupants (if required), or upon final disposition of any appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act a/k/a Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants. The appointment herein shall terminate upon the dismissal of this case or upon final disposition of all matters herein via sale, eviction of occupants (if required), or upon final disposition of any appeal.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Order shall be forthwith served upon said Defendants by publication in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) Consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Amended Complaint in the above entitled action.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.
March 9, 2017
James C. Campbell
Sumter County Clerk of Court

AMENDED SUMMONS FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Foreclosure Deficiency Judgment Waived (Non-Jury)

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon the persons whose names are subscribed below, at 1709 Devonshire Drive, Columbia, SC 29204, within thirty (30) days (except that the United States of America, or any Agency or Department thereof, shall Answer the Complaint in this action within sixty (60) days) after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned attorneys, on behalf of the Plaintiff herein, will seek an Order of Reference to the Master in Equity or Special Referee for Sumter County, South Carolina, with final appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

TO MINORS OVER FOURTEEN (14) YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINORS UNDER FOURTEEN (14)

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YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THE MINORS RESIDE, AND/OR TO PERSON(S) UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Amended Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that, under the provisions of title 29, section 100 of the South Carolina Code, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignments of rents contained in the attached mortgage are perfected and the Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100 (2007). In the alternative, Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC, will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day of service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage and the Complaint attached hereto.

Date: January 12, 2017
Elizabeth R. Polk #11673
January N. Taylor #80069
Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC
1709 Devonshire Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone: (803) 929-0760
Facsimile: (803) 929-0830
Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lis Pendens, Summons and Complaint were e-filed on December 16, 2016. Thereafter, the Amended Lis Pendens, Amended Summons and Amended Complaint were e-filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on January 16, 2017.

Date: March 20, 2017
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Summons and Notice Publication Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY

(Plaintiff)
Vs.
Kimberly Segars
Jamie Hinnant
(Defendant)

IN THE INTEREST OF
Janay K. Segars DOB 9/30/15

TO DEFENDANT:
Kimberly Segars

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED And required to answer the complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor child above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for

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James C. Campbell County, on April 12, 2017 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Steven B. Suchomski, 105 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for May 25, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. S. C. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Steven B. Suchomski, Esquire
P.O. Box 68
Sumter, SC 29151
(803) 773-5531

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2017-CP-43-00403 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

PNC Bank, National Association, PLAINTIFF, vs. Donna L. Dawson; DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:

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

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

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

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem

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within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on March 2, 2017.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you must submit your requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO. 2014-CP-43-02713

First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Inc., Plaintiff vs. The Estate of Luise Pitt, by and through the Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown; Barbara Mughal, as

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Heir-at-Law of Luise Pitt, Deceased; Thomas R. Zapf; Safe Federal Credit Union; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Ford Motor Credit Company LLC, Defendants.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the Appointment of Kelley Yarborough Woody as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (which are constituted as a class designated as "John Doe") and any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability (which are constituted as a class designated as "Richard Roe"), it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Kelley Yarborough Woody is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe"), all unknown minors or persons under a disability (constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe"), all of which have or may claim to have some interest in the property that is the subject of this action, commonly known as 1009 Leflore Dr., Sumter, SC 29154, that Kelley Yarborough Woody is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe", all unknown minors and persons under a disability, constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe", unless the Defendants, or someone acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy of this Order as directed below, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for the Defendants constituted as a class designated as "John Doe" or "Richard Roe".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon the unknown Defendants by publication in the The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Anderson, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN; ALSO ANY PERSONS WHO MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE; AND ANY UNKNOWN MINORS OR PERSONS UNDER A DISABILITY BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, PO Box 4216, Columbia, South Carolina 29240, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of

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Court for Sumter County on 12/17/2014, thereafter amended on January 19, 2016.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by to Luise Pitt a/k/a Luise F. Pitt and Thomas R. Zapf a/k/a Thomas Zapf bearing date of January 26, 2007 and recorded January 31, 2007 in Mortgage Book in Book 1063 at Page 787 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Sumter County, in the original principal sum of \$42,400.00 that, and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land with thereon situate, lying and being in Stateburg Township, Sumter County, South Carolina, shown and delineated as Lot Nos 3 and 4 on that certain plat of H. S. Willson, R.L.S., dated June 1, 1957, and recorded in the Sumter County R.O.D. Office at Plat Book Z- 15, page 74, and reconfirmed by resurvey of Joseph R. Edwards, R.L.S., dated February 17, 1987, and recorded in said Office at Plat Book 87, page 244. Reference is directed to said plat for a more complete description of metes, courses, distances, boundaries and measurements.

This is the identical property conveyed to Luise Pitt and Thomas R. Zapf by deed of Harry L. English dated January 26, 2007, and recorded in the Sumter County R.O.D. Office on January 31, 2007, in Book 1063 at Page 00782..

TMS # 156-00-05-014

Physical Address: 1009 Leflore Dr., Sumter, SC 29154

Crawford & von Keller, LLC. PO Box 4216 1640 St. Julian Place Columbia, SC 29204 Phone: 803-790-2626 Attorneys for Plaintiff



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In Memory

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Albert Mouzone



4/17/1943 - 12/12/15

Devoted Husband, Father, Brother and Grandfather. Dearly loved, so sadly missed. Gone but not forgotten. Your Wife, Alma S Mouzone



In Memory

In Loving Memory of



Aaron Green 06/29/57 - 04/16/00

It has been 17 years since you've been gone, but not forgotten. Sadly missed by your family.



In Memory of Kevin L. Harris

October 1, 1963- April 16, 2014 Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God made for me. I took his hand, I heard him call; then turn and bid farewell to all. Until we meet again- Love you more! Missing you. Mother, Family & Friends.

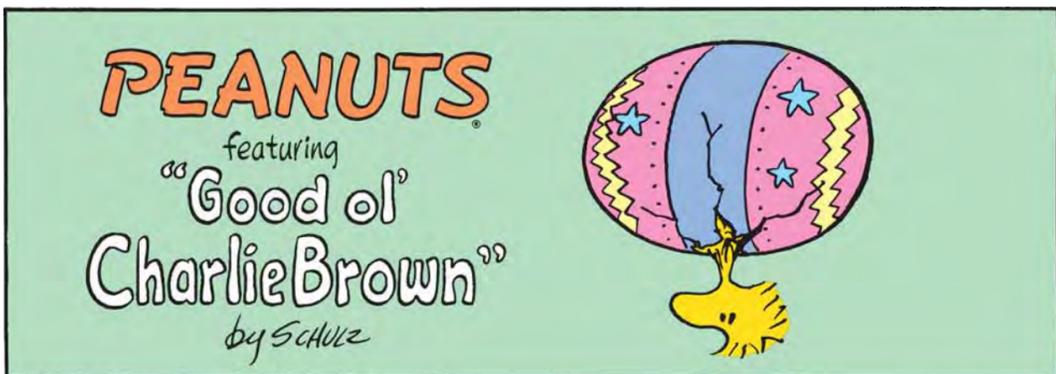
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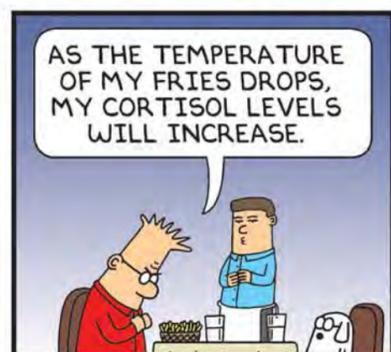
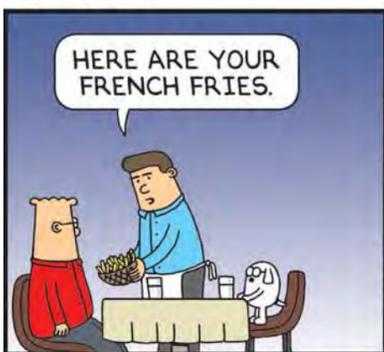
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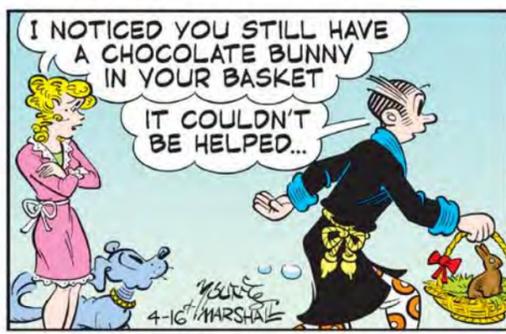
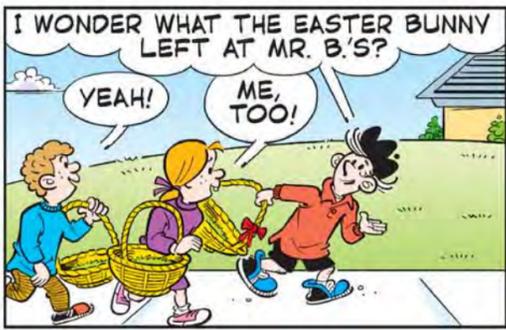
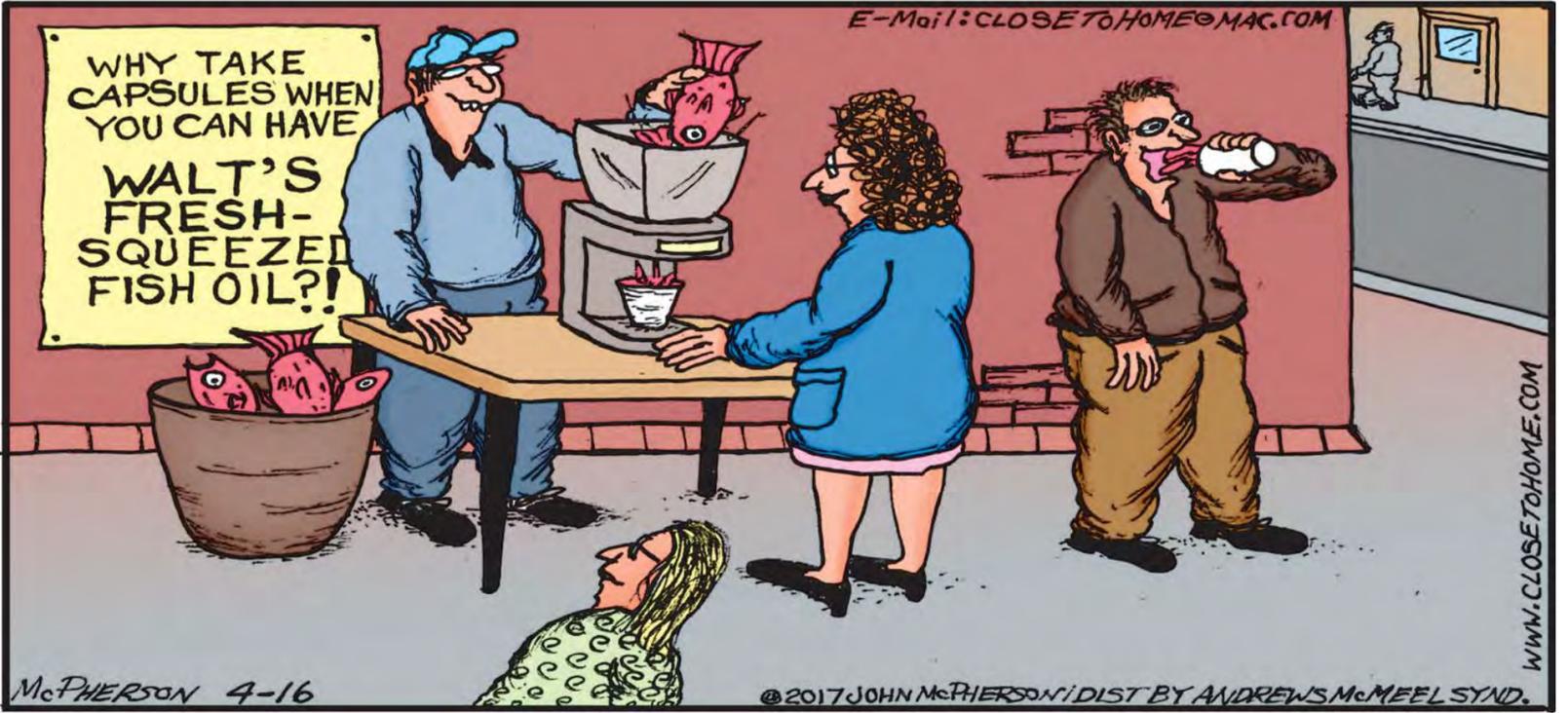
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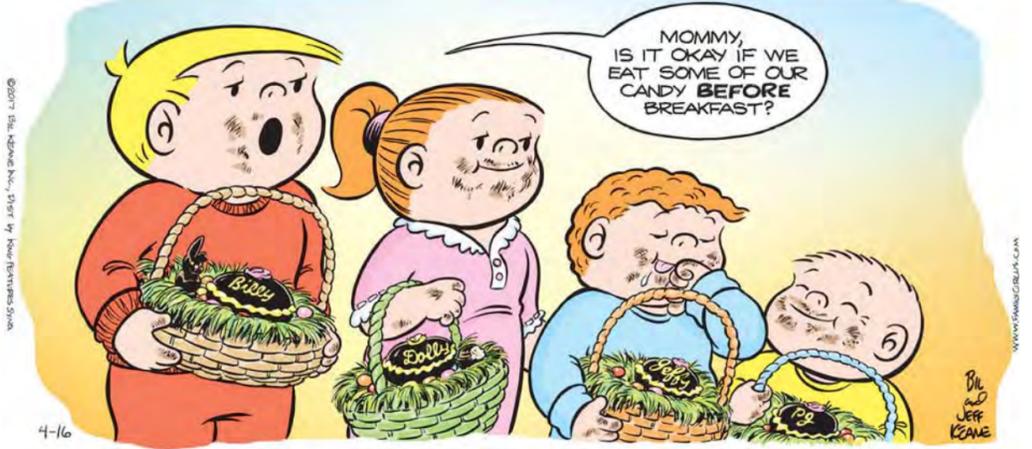
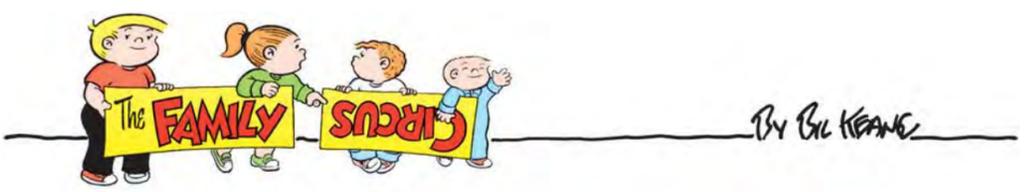
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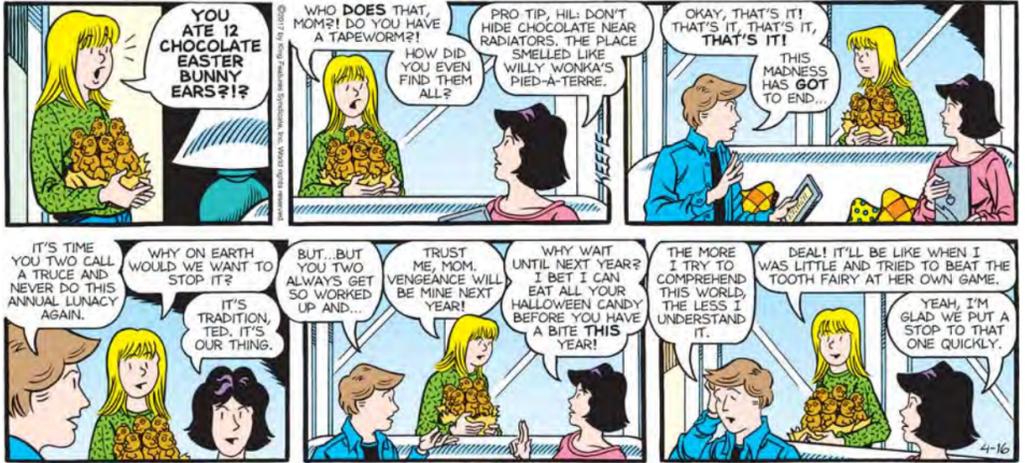
FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES

By FOOOTE & SACKO

THE BIRD SEED WE GOT BROUGHT MORE BIRDS THAN WE THOUGHT

FIND EIGHT WORDS (OR MORE) FOR BIRDS!

B T E A G L E Y L C
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DOODLE ZOO

DRACULA'S WIFE FOUND IT HARD TO SLEEP BECAUSE OF HIS COFFIN.

DRAW!!

DRAW A BIRD!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT IS ALWAYS RUNNING BUT NEVER GOES ANYWHERE?
 A. A REFRIGERATOR.
 Dana Biden, Madison, WI

Q. WHAT KIND OF BIRD STICKS TO SWEATERS?
 A. A VEL-CROW.
 Jordan Wynn, Lexington, MA

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

U.S. CUSTOMS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Button is added. 3. Label is missing. 4. Badge is higher. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Hat is smaller.

FRANK AND ERNEST

LOTS OF FAMOUS ART MIGHT HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY TAXES. JACKSON POLLOCK'S "NUMBER 5" COULD BE A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF TAX REGULATIONS.

AND PERHAPS RODIN'S "THE THINKER" IS A MAN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THOSE RULES.

MAYBE ROY LICHTENSTEIN'S "OHHH...ALRIGHT..." SHOWS A WOMAN BEING TOLD TO CONTINUE HOLDING TO GET HER TAX QUESTION ANSWERED.

AND THEN THERE'S EDVARD MUNCH'S "THE SCREAM"...

...NOTHING MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE THAT MORE THAN PREPARING A TAX RETURN!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

THERE'S ONLY A COUPLE MINUTES LEFT ON THE GAME CLOCK.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

GRIMM, WHEN YOU EAT OUT, HOW MUCH DO YOU TIP?

CRASH...

...100%

BUT IT'S SHOWING THE GAME IS JUST IN THE THIRD QUARTER...

SO THEY STILL HAVE TO PLAY THE WHOLE FOURTH!

WIZARD OF ID

by parker and hart

ALMOST DONE WITH THE FIRST MAZE

THE FIRST MAZE?

THIS WAY

CAN'T BE MUCH FURTHER NOW, COULD IT?

THERE IS NO FOURTH PERIOD IN HOCKEY, GLADYS...

SO THIS IS THE FINAL PERIOD.

GET FUZZY

IS THAT A TROPHY? WHEN DID YOU GET A TROPHY?

I HAVE MANY TROPHIES.

TROPHIES. AWARDED THINGS.

THAT'S CORRECT.

WHAT'S IT FOR?

THIS PLAQUE IS FOR DYNAMIC INTERSPECIES OUTREACH.

I ASKED ABOUT THE TROPHY.

LOOK: A CUP FOR THE BEST CAT HIT.

AWARD... FOR... BEING AN... TI... Dog... HA HA! WHAT?!

WHAT IS A "TI" DOG? AND SHOULDN'T IT BE A TI DOG, NOT AN... OHHHHHH.

THIS IS A MEAN TROPHY, IT'S A FOEPHY.

I'M GOING TO THROW IT AWAY!

DID YOU JUST HIT ME WITH AN INTERSPECIES OUTREACH PLAQUE?

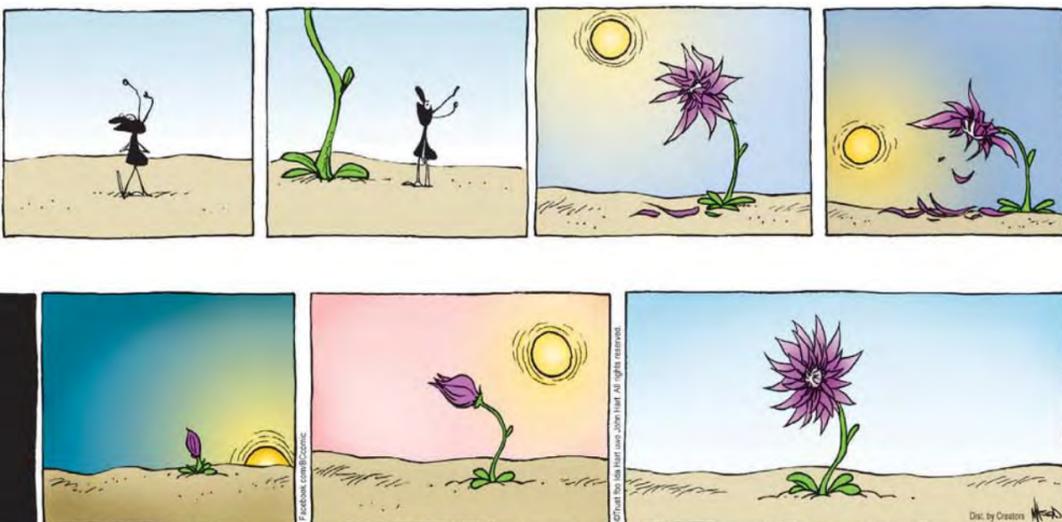
SOUNDS UNLIKELY.

BY DARBY CONLEY

WHO WOULD DIVIDE A GAME INTO THREE QUARTERS? DIDN'T THEY TAKE MATH IN SCHOOL?

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

