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# Wedgfield residents could see a water rate increase

Some customers' bills might go up \$35 a month

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During its budget workshop on Tuesday, Sumter County Council discussed the need to increase the base water service rates for the Wedgfield water system to make the system self-sustaining.

Sumter County Water Utility Engineer Mike Weatherly said base water services rates are \$29 per month for as many as 6,000 gallons for residential customers.

According to a preliminary rate investigation provided by Weatherly, the base rate was set by Wedgfield Statesburg Rural Water District Board in 2003, before Sumter County gained ownership of the water system.

Weatherly said the set rate for water usage greater than 6,000 gallons per month, \$.0023 per gallon, is less than half of the production cost of water per gallon, \$.0049.

He suggested the ex-

cess usage rate be increased to match the cost of production.

Matching the production cost would increase the excess usage rate by \$35 per month for residential customers and generate approximately \$51,200 of additional annual revenue for the water system, he said.

The rate investigation states the increase would affect about 25 percent of customers — about 118 customers out of an average of 510, based on the

water system's customer base in 2015.

Also, Weatherly said the Wedgfield water system's leak adjustment program that waives half of the water costs if a home has a plumbing leak accounts for 8 to 10 percent of revenue loss, he said. Councilman Gene Baten said he feels for residents in Wedgfield, but the water system needs to be self-supporting. If you want the

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## Jost expects busy summer at Shaw



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Col. Stephen Jost, commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, addresses the crowd attending the Commander's Breakfast on Wednesday morning at Alice Drive Baptist Church.

## Outgoing commander gives details on months to come

BY JIM HILLEY  
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Col. Stephen Jost said he was apprehensive about dealing with the off-base community when he first came to Shaw Air Force Base as base commander two years ago.

"I was terrified," he said. However, the people in the community quickly put his concerns to rest, he said.

"Now, it is the most comfortable part of my job, because of you," he told the almost 100 attendees Wednesday morning at the annual Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Commander's Breakfast at Alice Drive Baptist Church. He

said what the community does to support the base made his job much easier.

As a member of the Alice Drive Baptist Church congregation, he said he was grateful to the Rev. Clay Smith for allowing the event to take place at the church on Loring Mill Road.

"I want to be inclusive and not exclusive," he said, noting that with the heightened security at the base, having the Commander's Breakfast at the church made the event much easier for all involved.

Jost, who will be transferred to the Pentagon in August, was giving his final address to the event, which is part of an ongoing initia-

tive to foster a close relationship between the base and the community.

Turning to the base's mission, Jost said it has been and will continue to be a busy year for the base.

He said the 20th Fighter Wing has participated in three flag-level exercises in the past few months involving deploying and training at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

Jost said that between overseas deployments and exercises, often aircraft were flown directly from deployment to the exercises without visiting their home base at Shaw in between.

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Base commander Col. Nicholas Gentile speaks with reporters outside McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover on Wednesday. Two F-16C S.C. Air National Guard jets collided over eastern Georgia on Tuesday evening. Gentile says the planes were totally destroyed, but the pilots ejected, survived and have returned to South Carolina.

## 2 Air National Guard pilots home after midair collision

MCENTIRE JOINT NATIONAL GUARD BASE (AP) — Two F-16 fighter pilots who survived a midair collision in Georgia are home with their families, the commander of the South Carolina National Guard said Wednesday.

"The pilots are in good shape," Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston Jr. told reporters at a news conference on the tarmac of the 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

Pieces of wreckage from both jets were found in remote, wooded areas about 2 miles apart from each other, Guard officials said.

The two aircraft collided over a bombing range in Jefferson County,

Georgia about 9:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Neither of the aircraft was carrying any bombs or explosives, Livingston said, but he asked local residents not to touch any parts they might find because fuel or other materials from the high-tech aircraft could be dangerous to handle.

The jets do not have beacons that would help locate them. They do have technical recorders that will give authorities information about what caused them to go down at the Bulldog Military Operations Area.

The National Guard and the U.S. Air Force are dispatching teams to

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## LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

### One Sumter to hear update on penny tax

The One Sumter Community Group will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 321 W. Fulton St.

Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon and City Manager Deron McCormick will give updates on the Penny Sales Tax projects, both current and upcoming. The public is invited to attend.

For more information call the Rev. Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600.

### Police need water for Operation Hydration

Staying hydrated plays an important role in protecting yourself during extremely hot or cold temperatures.

Once heat indexes and temperatures reach the triple digits, officers with Sumter Police Department take to the streets with bottled water for those who may need it during Operation Hydration.

However, bottled water donations from residents and businesses are needed to help build the department's supply used for community service projects such as Operation Hydration.

Bottled water is also included in the department's Random Act of Kindness project, which provides care packages to the city's transient and homeless population year round.

Anyone wishing to make a donation, can contact the department's community services unit at (803) 436-2723 or (803) 774-1672.

Only donations of bottled water will be accepted.

### Fred Sheheen's funeral scheduled for today

Funeral services for Fred Sheheen, 79, former head of the state Commission on Higher Education and father of state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, will be held at noon today at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1709 Lyttleton St., Camden.

Sheheen died Monday in a car crash. He was an advocate for higher education and the arts.

### Haley OKs borrowing billions for roads

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley has signed legislation designed to jump-start improvements to South Carolina's deteriorating roads through borrowing.

Haley reluctantly signed the law Wednesday, calling it a better option than nothing.

She says the law provides a step forward in highway funding and marginal improvements to the Department of Transportation's governance.

## Sumter resident recognized for dedication to promoting trade between state, Taiwan

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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South Carolina General Assembly presented Robert Chen, City of Columbia's honorary ambassador to Taiwan and the Pacific Rim, with a resolution in appreciation of his dedication to promoting trade between South Carolina and Taiwan since 1985.

Chen, a Sumter resident and native of Taiwan, said his work in promoting trade between the two locations started after he served as a translator for former state Gov. Dick Riley when he visited Taiwan while in office.

Since then, Chen has spent more than 30 years volunteering with the state.

Chen moved to the U.S. in 1967 and is a 1973 graduate of University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, with a master's degree in environmental science.

He then served as head of the environmental engineering department at Sumter Technical College for seven years after earning his master's and later served as an assistant professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte in 1980.

Chen returned to Sumter in 1983 to devote his time to the state to help promote economic and cultural trade between the state and Taiwan.

He also worked with South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a driver's license exchange agreement that will allow visitors from Taiwan to forgo driving and written tests in order to get a license in South Carolina in 2015. The same goes for those with South Carolina driver's licenses who visit Taiwan.

This is very useful for traveling business and students, he said.

Chen said businesses in Taiwan used to do a lot of business in China because of its proximity, but with more people in Taiwan speaking English and stricter regulations in China, more businesses are looking to invest in the U.S.

There are about 23 million people living in Taiwan, which is about half the size of South Carolina, he said.

It's the second densest population in the world, and the people are looking for ways to get out, he said.

Chen said he would also like to see South Carolina invest more in Taiwan.

He encourages officials from the city and county to form a list of the different needs throughout the community so that Sumter's sister county, Taichung, Taiwan, can assist.

Although he dedicates his own



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Robert Chen, City of Columbia honorary ambassador to Taiwan and the Pacific Rim, stands with the resolution that was presented to him by South Carolina General Assembly on June 2. Chen was recognized for his work in promoting trade between South Carolina and Taiwan.

money, time and energy to continue to build on the partnership between South Carolina and Taiwan, Chen does not have any regrets.

He said receiving the resolution and other awards has let him know that he has accomplished something. "I always had the goal to do something good," he said.

Other awards Chen has received in-

clude the Order of the Palmetto, presented by Gov. Dick Riley in 1982; the Medal of Freedom and the American Spirit Medal presented by the U.S. Senate in 1994 and 2006, respectively; the Friend of Foreign Service Medal presented by Republic of China in 2004; and the Palmetto Patriot Award, presented by Lt. Gov. André Bauer in 2011.

## SLT hosts 'Driving Miss Daisy' auditions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter Little Theatre will host auditions for its opening play of the 2016-17 season at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, June 15 and 16.

Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "Driving Miss Daisy," will be presented Sept. 1-4 and

Sept. 9-11.

The play based on Uhry's own experiences growing up as a Jew in Atlanta in the early 1950s follows Daisy Werthan, a 72-year-old Jewish woman whose son hires a black man, Hoke Colburn, as her chauffeur after Miss Daisy has a fender-bender. Told through Hoke's and Miss

Daisy's experiences together, the play described as "tragic, humorous and deeply moving" explores race relations in America.

Roles are available for Miss Daisy, who ages from 72 to 97, Hoke, 12 years younger, and Miss Daisy's son, Boolie, 40 at the beginning of the play that covers 25 years. David Brown,

SLT veteran actor and director, will direct "Driving Miss Daisy."

Auditions for the musical revue "Ain't Misbehavin'" will be held at the same time. Its run dates are Oct. 20-23 and Oct. 27-30.

For more information, contact Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave., at (803) 775-2150.



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# WATER

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water service, you have to pay for it, he said.

County Finance Director Jamie Michaelson said the water system has a revenue deficit and a portion of the county's general fund goes toward funding the deficit.

Councilman Charles Edens asked if money from the county's general fund could be used to help support the water system.

As a taxpayer, Edens said he does not want to pay for someone else's water.

Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said it may not be necessary to make a large increase to the water rates if other options are available, but there is just no future for the way the Wedgefield water system is operating now.

He said possible solutions and proposed rate increases will be presented to county council during its next budget workshop.

In other action during the meeting, Sumter County Human Resources Di-

rector Keysa Rogers explained some of the proposed changes to the county's employee handbook.

The changes include information for part-time emergency medical services employees, consequences if an employee is found at fault for a wreck in a county vehicle and rest breaks and break periods for lactating mothers. Rogers said federal law now requires that employers provide reasonable unpaid break time and a space that is not a restroom for nursing mothers for one year after the birth of the child.

# COMMANDER

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The 55th Squadron returned from deployment as part of Operation Inherent Resolve in April, he said, and praised their performance in operations against ISIS during the deployment.

He said the squadron logged more than 8,000 hours in a six-month period and dropped a record amount of precision-guided munitions in the battlefields of Iraq and Syria.

Other recent events at the base were the Change of Com-

mand Ceremony for the 9th Air Force and hosting the Shaw Air Expo, which he called a "resounding" success.

"We had over 100,000 on-base visitors and that does not include all of the tailgaters who watched the show from off-base," he said. "It all went off without a hitch."

A new Air Force Central Command commander will arrive at Shaw by the end of this month, he said.

The last few months of Jost's command at Shaw will remain busy, he said.

An Air Force Community Partnership meeting will be

June 23 at Swan Lake, he said

An upgrade to the entrance at the base nearest Sumter is scheduled for construction and the new Medical Treatment Facility, which is nearly complete, should be open by October, he said.

The base will undergo two major inspections in the coming months, including a unit effectiveness inspection in early August and a cyber-readiness inspection.

On top of that, he said he expects another combat rotation in the fall.

Also on the schedule is the Air Force Ball on Sept. 16, a

black-tie affair at Sumter County Civic Center that is part of the base's 75th anniversary celebration.

When asked a question about unfilled positions on the base, Jost said the base tries to keep staffing as high as possible, but budget restraints and continued deployments make it difficult.

"Readiness is a challenge," he said. "Right now we can deliver about 42 percent of our capacity."

He said he does not expect to see any increase in manpower at the base in the near future.

# CRASH

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investigate the collision.

Base commander Col. Nicholas Gentile, who returned from flying over the 15-square-mile area in southeastern Georgia where the crash occurred, described it as a mix of farmland, dense woods and swamp that makes the search difficult.

Livingston said it is the first such crash of any South Carolina Guard unit in 30 years.

He would not release the pilot's names but said both are lieutenant colonels and are senior instructors in the unit who have flown in combat.

"They are very seasoned," Livingston said.

Livingston said the unit is preparing for a summertime deployment to the Pacific and flying might resume this weekend.

The unit has 28 of the aircraft.

Gentile said the pilots were debriefed as part of the investigation.

He said the two jets were part of a group of six that was conducting night training operations.

The pilots were wearing night-vision goggles when the collision occurred, he said.

"We had planes spread out across the Southeast last night," Gentile said, adding that the bombing range is only about a 15-minute flight from the South Carolina base.

The F-16C models practice maneuvering against opponents and were involved in some of the earliest deployments in the Persian Gulf War in the 1990s.

U.S. F/A 18 jet fighters from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort also were flying nighttime operations and contacted officials to help locate the pilots, Gentile said.

The National Guard, Marines and Air Force all use the area, said Lt. Col. Cindi King.

The pilots were talking normally and did not appear to be hurt when they were found, Jefferson County Fire Chief Jim Anderson said Wednesday.

Anderson said there were no injuries on the ground. One pilot was found in a pasture and the other at the edge of some woods. Both were taken to the hospital as a precaution, he said.

*"They are very seasoned."*

**MAJ. GEN. ROBERT LIVINGSTON JR.**

Describing two pilots who crashed Tuesday night

The collision happened less than a week after crashes involving both of the military's precision flying teams.

A Blue Angels F/A-18 crashed last Thursday near Nashville, Tennessee, while taking off for a practice session. The pilot, Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss, was killed.

That same day, a Thunderbirds F-16 crashed outside Colorado Springs, Colorado, but that pilot, Maj. Alex Turner, ejected safely.

The Thunderbirds had just performed over the open-air graduation ceremony at the nearby Air Force Academy where President Obama spoke.

In May, two Navy jet fighters collided off the North Carolina coast.

The four people on board the jets were pulled from the Atlantic Ocean by a commercial fishing ship.

# DSS hopes grant lets caseworkers soon spend more time visiting

COLUMBIA (AP) — Caseworkers will be able to access children's files on their smartphones while away from the office starting next year, thanks to a grant announced Wednesday to the Department of Social Services.

The \$250,000 grant will fund the development of an app allowing access to the agency's network, spokeswoman Karen Wingo told The Associated Press. It's among \$4.8 million in grants the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation awarded to 13 groups.

Caseworkers cannot access a child's complete file while visiting a family and must return to their office to document that visit. The agency estimates caseworkers spend more than half of their working hours on paperwork.

"Caseworkers at DSS have very demanding jobs and must balance a number of administrative tasks with their primary goal," DSS Director Susan Alford said in a statement.

The app will "reduce time-consuming tasks associated with more manual methods of data collection and management."

DSS is piloting the app in Greenville, York and Lee counties — chosen for their differing sizes. Officials expect the counties' more than 150 caseworkers to be using the app by May 2017. The contract bidding process alone could take three months, Wingo said. If the app provides the expected improvements, the agency will include a state-wide expansion in its budget proposals, she said.

The announcement comes days after DSS agreed to settle a federal lawsuit that accused the agency of endangering the nearly 3,400 abused and neglected children in its care. The potential settlement, which still requires a judge's

approval, includes a commitment to lower social workers' caseloads, do a better job investigating abuse allegations and increase face-to-face visits between caseworkers and children.

The issues addressed by the settlement have been scrutinized by state legislators since January 2014. Caseworkers were provided smartphones later that year.

Alford, who took the helm in February 2015, said signing the settlement represents the next step in the agency's ongoing reforms.

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# Evangelicals feeling alienated, anxious

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — This story is part of *Divided America*, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

BENTON, Ky. (AP) — Pastor Richie Clendenen stepped away from the pulpit, microphone in hand. He walked the aisles of Christian Fellowship Church, his voice rising to describe the perils believers face in 21st-century America.

"The Bible says in this life you will have troubles, you will have persecutions. And Jesus takes it a step further: You'll be hated by all nations for my name's sake," he said.

"Let me tell you," the minister said, "that time is here."

The faithful in the pews needed little convincing. Even in this deeply religious swath of western Kentucky — a state where about half the residents are evangelical — conservative Christians feel under siege.

For decades, they say, they have been steadily pushed to the sidelines of American life and have come under attack for their most deeply held beliefs, born of their reading of Scripture and their religious mandate to evangelize.

The 1960s ban on prayer in public schools is still a fresh wound. Every legal challenge to a public Nativity scene or Ten Commandments display is another marginalization. They've been "steamrolled," they say, and "misunderstood."

Religious conservatives could once count on their neighbors to at least share their view of marriage. Those days are gone. Public opinion on same-sex relationships turned against conservatives even before the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide.

Now, many evangelicals say liberals want to seal their cultural victory by



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Parishioners pray during a service at Christian Fellowship Church in Benton, Kentucky in April. Read the full article online at [theitem.com](http://theitem.com).

silencing the church. Liberals call this paranoid. But evangelicals see evidence of the threat in every new uproar about someone asserting a right to refuse recognition of same-sex marriages — whether it be a baker, a government clerk or the leaders of religious charities and schools.

America's divisions — right-left, urban-rural, black-white and more — spill daily into people's lives, from their relations with each other, to their harsh communications on social media, to their decisions in an acrimonious presidential election campaign. Many Christian conservatives feel there is another, less recognized chasm in American life, and they find themselves on the other side of the divide between "we" and "them."

Clendenen, preaching on this recent Sunday, reflected on the chasm between his congregants and other

Americans.

"There's nobody hated more in this nation than Christians," he said, amid nods and cries of encouragement. "Welcome to America's most wanted: You."

For evangelicals such as those at Christian Fellowship, the sense of a painful reckoning is not just imagined; their declining clout in public life can be measured.

The turnout is astonishing and hard to grasp — for them and for other Americans — since the U.S. remains solidly religious and Christian, and evangelicals are still a formidable bloc in the Republican Party.

But a series of losses in church membership and in public policy battles, along with America's changing demographics, are weakening evangelical influence, even in some of the most conservative regions of the country.

"The shift in the last few years has

really been stunning," said Ed Stetzer, executive director of Lifeway Research, an evangelical consulting firm in Nashville, Tennessee. "Nobody would have guessed the pace of change. That's why so many people are yelling we have to take our country back."

The Protestant majority that dominated American culture through the nation's history is now a Protestant minority. Their share of the population dipped below 50 percent sometime after 2008.

Liberal-leaning Protestant groups, such as Presbyterians and Lutherans, started shrinking earlier, but some evangelical churches are now in decline. The conservative Southern Baptist Convention lost 200,000 from its ranks in 2014 alone, dropping to 15.5 million, its smallest number in more than two decades.

The trend is reflected in the highest reaches of public life. The U.S. Supreme Court is now comprised completely of Jews and Roman Catholics. In the 2012 presidential election, the Republican nominees were a Mormon, Mitt Romney, and a Catholic, Paul Ryan.

"We've lost our home field advantage," Stetzer said.

At the same time, the Bible Belt, as a cultural force, is collapsing, said the Rev. Russell Moore, head of the Southern Baptist public policy agency.

Nearly a quarter of Americans say they no longer affiliate with a faith tradition. It's the highest share ever recorded in surveys, indicating the stigma for not being religious has eased — even in heavily evangelical areas. Americans who say they have no ties to organized religion, dubbed "nones," now make up about 23 percent of the population, just behind evangelicals, who comprise about 25 percent, according to the Pew Research Center.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Allen Chapel AME Church**, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

\* Sunday — Recognition of graduates at 10 a.m. during morning worship.

\* Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17 — Vacation Bible School 5-7 nightly.

\* Saturday, June 18 — Sallie Evans Missionary Society family and friends fun day at 10 a.m.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day / Men's Day program at 10 a.m.

**Antioch Missionary Baptist Church**, 2571 Joseph Lemon-Dingle Road, Jordan community, Manning, announces:

\* Sunday — 33rd Annual Youth Day at 10 a.m. Evangelist Detrice Georgia-Brown will speak.

\* Monday-Friday, June 13-17 — Vacation Bible School for ages 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday and 6:30-8:30 nightly Tuesday-Friday.

**Bethel AME Church**, 1605 S.C. 261, Wedgefield, announces:

\* Saturday, June 25 — Community Missionary Charitable Organization summer festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church**, 1275 Oswego Highway, announces:

\* Sunday — Youth recognition service at 11 a.m.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day observance at 11 a.m.

**Church of God of Prophecy**, 140 S. Guignard Drive, announces:

\* Sunday — Gospel Kings ninth anniversary tribute to Roosevelt Joe at 4 p.m. On the program: The Spiritual Gospel Singers, Willie Lewis and the Gospel Angels, Sisters of Faith, Solo Tones of Camden, and many more.

**Cross Road Christian Fellowship / St. Peter Baptist Church**, 845 Webb St., announces:

\* Today-Friday — Fire Conference 3 "Don't Let the Fire Go Out" at 7:30 nightly. Speakers: Bishop Sylvester Francis, Pastor James Graham and Bishop Russell Bostick.

**Dalzell United Methodist Church**, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Saturday — Summer Kick-off Fun Day noon-3 p.m. with free food, games, water slide, bounce house, face painting, cake walk and more.

\* Monday-Friday, June 20-24 — Cave Quest Vacation Bible School for ages 3 to sixth grade. Dinner at 5:30 nightly. Closing ceremony at 8:30

nightly. Call (803) 469-0160.

**Edwin Boyle Santee Summer Ministry**, 1098 Lemon Ave., Manning, (across from Camp Bob Cooper), announces:

\* Outdoor interdenominational worship service at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday through Sept. 9 for those who spend their summer weekends at Lake Marion. Find them on Facebook for more information.

**Faith Missionary Baptist Church No. 1**, 115 Laurel St., announces:

\* Today-Friday — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Gregory Jackson will speak.

**Fellowship Outreach Ministries**, 1891 Florence Highway, announces:

\* Thursday-Friday, June 23-24, and Sunday, June 26 — Appreciation services for Assistant Pastor Mitchell Boone and Evangelist Charity Boone at 7:30 nightly Thursday-Friday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Speakers: Pastor Raymond Johnson, Pastor Teresa Baxter and Pastor Johnnie Gillinan.

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**, 182 S. Pike East, announces:

\* Sunday — Deacon / deaconess anniversary program at 4 p.m.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day service at 11:30 a.m.

**Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church**, 5405 Black River Road, Rembert, announces:

\* Sunday — Athletic ministry banquet at 1 p.m.

\* Sunday, June 26 — YWA Ministry annual day at 9 a.m.

**High Hills Missionary Baptist Church**, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day / men's day program during 10:15 a.m. worship.

\* Wednesday-Friday, June 29-July 1 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Stanley Rivers will speak.

**House of Judah Worship Center**, 3890 White Oak Drive, Davis Station, announces:

\* Monday-Friday, June 13-17 — Revival at 7:30 nightly. Prophetess Charlene Brown Samuel will speak.

**Joshua Baptist Church**, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

\* Sunday — Trial sermon of John Montgomery at 4 p.m.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Men's day / Father's Day program at 10 a.m. The Rev. James Hudley will speak.

**Kingsbury Road Church of Christ**, 215 Kingsbury Road, announces:

\* Today-Saturday — 19th Annual Central Carolina School of Preaching Lectureship as follows: 7-8 nightly today-Friday; and 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. Speakers include: Ron Wilson, Joseph Barr, Len Moss, Hulon McIver Jr., Jarriel Cooper and many more.

**Knitting Hearts Ministry**, meets at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:

\* Saturday — Knitting Hearts Cafe will meet 10 a.m.-noon. Patti Banks Walden will speak. Light breakfast included. [www.knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com](http://www.knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com)

**Mount Moriah United Methodist Church**, 1379 Swimming Pen Road, Mayesville, announces:

\* Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19 — Men's Day celebration / 13th annual gospel fest and fish fry as follows: 3 p.m. Saturday, gospel fest and fish fry featuring Resurrection, Gospel Kings, Southern Tones and more; and 11 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Frank Williams Jr. will speak.

**Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church**, 7355 Camden Highway, Rembert, announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 nightly.

Mount Sinai AME Church, 5895 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg, announces:

\* Sunday — Christian education / graduation / promotion day honoring graduates during 10 a.m. service.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day / Men's Day celebration during 10 a.m. worship. Brother Arthur Gibbons will speak.

\* Sunday, June 26 — Adult choir anniversary program during 10 a.m. worship.

**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**, 325 Fulton St., announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 8-11:30 a.m. daily. Classes for all ages.

\* Sunday — Children's Day / Graduate's Recognition Sunday at 10:45 a.m. All graduates pre-k through college will be recognized.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day / Brotherhood Ministry anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Rodney Conyers will speak.

**New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly for all ages.

\* Saturday — Vacation Bible School picnic 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\* Sunday — Graduation and youth day at 10 a.m.

\* Monday-Thursday, June 20-23 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson Sr. and the Rev. Charles B. Jackson Jr. will speak.

\* Sunday, June 26 — Men's Day program at 10 a.m.

**New Fellowship Covenant Ministries**, 316 W. Liberty St., announces:

\* Saturday — Clothes giveaway 9 a.m.-noon.

**New Salem Baptist Church**, 2500 W. Oakland Ave., announces:

\* Monday-Thursday, June 20-23 — Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest 6-8:30 nightly featuring fun, games and food. There will also be an adult class.

**Orangehill AME Church**, 3035 S. King Highway, Wedgefield, announces:

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day worship at 10 a.m. The Rev. Marvin L. Stewart will speak.

**Orangehill Independent Methodist Church**, 3005 S. Kings Highway, Wedgefield, announces:

\* Sunday — Children's day celebration at 10 a.m. Sister Latasha McKnight will speak.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day service at 10 a.m. The Rev. Larry Nathaniel will speak.

**Pine Grove AME Church**, 41 Pine Grove Road, Rembert, announces:

\* Sunday — Children's day worship service with recognition of graduates at 11 a.m.

\* Monday-Thursday, June 13-16 — Vacation Bible School for all ages at 6:30 nightly.

**Pine Hill AME Church**, 1505 U.S. 521 S., announces:

\* Sunday — Student recognition at 10:45 a.m.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day celebration during 10:45 a.m. worship.

\* Tuesday-Thursday, June 21-23 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly for all ages. Food available each night.

**Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach**, meets at Econo Lodge, Iris Room, 226 N. Washington St., announces:

\* Sunday — Third anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 5 p.m.

brated at 5 p.m. Pastor Albertis Smiling will speak.

**Reid Chapel AME Church**, 1008 Dibert St., announces:

\* Sunday, June 26 — Homecoming 2016 celebration at 3 p.m. The Rev. Eliza Black will speak.

**Salem Missionary Baptist Church**, 320 W. Fulton St., announces:

\* Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

**Spring Hill AME Church**, 4309 Bill Davis Road, Summerton, announces:

\* Sunday — The play "Surviving the Struggles" will be presented at 3 p.m.

**St. James United Methodist Church**, 720 Broad St., announces:

\* Monday-Wednesday, June 13-15 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

**St. John Baptist Church**, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, announces:

\* Today-Friday — Revival at 7:30 nightly. Pastor Rosa Mae Fulton will speak.

**St. Mark 4-B Missionary Baptist Church**, 2280 Four Bridges Road, announces:

\* Tuesday-Saturday, June 14-18 — Vacation Bible School Kingdom Advancement Institute 6-8 nightly for preschool through adult. Crafts, games, fellowship, Bible lessons, and songs. Meals will be served.

**St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church**, 1715 S. Guignard Drive, announces:

\* Sunday, June 26 — Deliverance Choir will celebrate their 45th anniversary at 3 p.m. with special guests Palmetto Singers and other groups.

**St. Paul AME Church**, 835 Plowden Mill Road, announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

\* Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Dr. Dwayne Bruce will speak.

\* Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day celebration at 10 a.m.

**Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church**, 1130 Granby Lane, Summerton, announces:

\* Today-Friday — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

**Union Station AME Church**, 945 S. Main St., announces:

\* Monday-Friday, June 13-17 — Vacation Bible School 5:30-8 nightly.

# Keep fighting the good fight

It's been because of two persevering and battle-worn believers that I've come to understand, at least in part, why bad things happen to so-called good people. Pressed by circumstances that might have crushed those with weak spiritual constitutions — life-threatening illness and financial upheaval — they still proclaim God's providence. In this battle, they march on, holding high the banner of the Almighty God.

I'll admit — their problems make mine look completely insignificant. Who am I to complain about my busy schedule when one endures the debilitating results of a weekly chemotherapy treatment? My deadlines, my frustrations, my inconveniences are all dwarfed by what one might consider real problems.

Shame on me, I think, and in a moment of reflection, I push my issues to the back of my mind, temporarily excusing very real struggles in my own life. There's only one problem: Those issues creep up



**Faith Matters**  
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again. At some point I have to take my concerns to my Heavenly Father, even if they seem insignificant in the light of others' struggles.

And this is where the daily testimony of the two afore mentioned individuals comes in. They struggle — no doubt about it; but almost every time the issue at hand is discussed, they proclaim God's goodness. They tell of how He cares for them. He has shown his love throughout the situation, they say.

They do not testify to how bad their problems are, but to how good God's grace truly is.

That good grace is sufficient for all of us (2 Cor. 12:9) regardless of the weight of our struggle. You can be the believer who, when faced with a formidable life battle, buckles under the pres-

sure, waves the white flag and returns to the soothing balm of complacency. Or, you can be the believer who fights the good fight (1 Tim. 6:12). You can be the example for those of us with lesser struggles, reminding us what we truly fight against.

Scripture tells us that the real struggle is against the darkness of this world (Eph. 6:12). This reminds me that every struggle you or I experience in this world falls under the purview of my merciful God. What a liberating prospect to know that my Heavenly Father cares as much for me as he does those with heavier burdens.

To you fighting the good fight, I say keep fighting. Keep marching forward, setting an example for us with lesser battles. I know you are tired, but your fight is worth it, particularly to those of us who need examples of God's provision (Hebrews 12:12-13).

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# Southern Baptists see 9th year of membership decline

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention lost more than 200,000 members in 2015 — the ninth straight year of decline for the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Membership stands at 15.3 million, down from 15.5 million in 2014, according to denomination statistics released on Tuesday. Baptisms also fell by more than 10,000 to just a little more than 295,000.

Baptisms are an important measure for the Nashville-based denomination because of its strong commitment to evangelism.

After the numbers were announced, some denominational leaders emphasized the positive news that the number of Southern Baptist churches increased last year by 294, mostly because of new churches started by SBC pastors.

But Executive Committee President and CEO Frank Page refused to put a positive spin on the declines, exclaiming in a news release, "God help us all! In a world that is desperate for the message of

Christ, we continue to be less diligent in sharing the Good News."

Mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic churches started to experience significant declines in the 1960s and 1970s, said Mark Chaves, a professor of sociology at Duke University who studies religious trends. Significant decline for many more conservative Protestant denominations has become apparent only in the last decade or so.

"There's just a national trend of declining religious involvement, and conservative churches are not immune to it as they thought they were for a while," he said.

Comparing membership numbers across denominations can be difficult since different groups report them differently. Chaves said he relies primarily on attendance estimates from large national surveys.

The Southern Baptists say their average weekly attendance was 5.6 million last year, a decrease of about 97,000 from 2014.



## Church Directory

<p><b>Adventist</b></p> <p><b>Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist</b> 103 N Pike West 775-4455 Pastor Harry Robinson Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am Tues Bible Study 7 pm <a href="http://www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org">www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org</a></p> <p><b>African Methodist Episcopal</b></p> <p><b>Wayman Chapel AME Church</b> 160 N. Kings Hwy. • 803-494-3686 <a href="http://www.waymanchapelame.com">www.waymanchapelame.com</a> Reverend Dennis W. Broughton, Jr. Church School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Wed. Bible Study 12:00 pm &amp; 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>Anglican</b></p> <p><b>Church of the Holy Cross</b> 335 North Kings Hwy (Hwy 261 N) 803-494-8101 Father Michael E. Ridgill, C.F.S.B. Sunday School 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mon. - Thurs. Chapel 9 am Morning Prayer Wed. Chapel 11:00 am - Bible Study 12 pm Mass</p> <p><b>Assembly of God</b></p> <p><b>First Assembly of God</b> 1151 Alice Drive • 773-3817 <a href="http://www.sumterfirstag.org">www.sumterfirstag.org</a> Jason Bonar, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship: 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Baptist - Missionary</b></p> <p><b>Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church</b> 803 S Harvin St. • 775-4032 Marion H Newton, Pastor Sunday Worship: 7:45 &amp; 10:45 am Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Salem Missionary Baptist Church</b> 320 West Fulton Street 803-775-8054 Sun. School 9:00 am Praise Worship 9:55 am Worship 10:00 am</p> <p><b>Baptist - Southern</b></p> <p><b>Grace Baptist Church</b> 219 W Calhoun St • 778-6417 Dr. Stephen Williams S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>Hickory Road Baptist Church</b> 1245 Cherryvale Dr 803-494-8281 Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:55 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Shaw Heights Baptist Church</b> 2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997 Rev. Robert White, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 am Sun. 8:00 and 12:00 Noon Bible School June 20th - 25th 6:00 - 8:30 PM 4 year old &amp; up</p>	<p>Sun. 9:15 - 12:00 Noon, 5:00 pm (in Spanish) Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b></p> <p><b>Plaza Church of Christ</b> 1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163 Stewart Schnur cell 361-8449 Sunday School: 10 am Sunday Worship: 11 am &amp; 6 pm Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm</p> <p><b>Interdenominational</b></p> <p><b>City of Refuge Church</b> 16 Carolina Ave 938-9066 Barbara &amp; Johnny Davis Sun School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Bible Study (Wed.) 7:00 pm <a href="http://www.cityofrefuge.org">www.cityofrefuge.org</a></p> <p><b>Spiritual Life Christian Center</b> 4672 Broad St. Ext • 968-5771 Pastors Randolph &amp; Mineva Paige Sunday Worship: 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Victory Full Gospel</b> Interdenominational Church 601 Pitts Rd • 481-7003 Joann P. Murrill, Pastor Sunday Worship: 11:00 am Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>140 Poinsett Drive 803-883-1049 • 803-774-2380 Pastor Gary Blaboum Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Wed Bible Class: 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Methodist - United</b></p> <p><b>Aldersgate United Methodist</b> 211 Alice Dr • 775-1602 Dr. Webb Belangia, Reverend Traditional Service 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Contemporary 11:15 am</p> <p><b>Bethel United Methodist Church</b> 5375 Lodebar Dr • 469-2452 Rev. Jeremy Howell Sunday Worship: 8:30 &amp; 11 am Sunday School: 10 am <a href="http://www.yourbethel.org">www.yourbethel.org</a> BMethodist@fpc-i.net</p> <p><b>St John United Methodist Church</b> 136 Poinsett Dr • 803-773-8185 <a href="http://www.stjohnsumter.com">www.stjohnsumter.com</a> Rev. Larry Brown Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Wed. Bible Study 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Trinity United Methodist Church</b> 226 W Liberty St • 773-9393 Rev. Steve Haller Blended Service 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am <a href="http://trinityumcsumter.org">trinityumcsumter.org</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.cccsumter.com">www.cccsumter.com</a> 803-905-7850 Sun. Worship 10:00 am (Patriot Hall) 135 Haynsworth Street <b>First Church of God</b> 1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234 <a href="http://www.sumterfcg.org">www.sumterfcg.org</a> Ron Bower, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship: 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Greater St. Paul Church</b> 200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355 Founder Bishop W.T. English Sunday School - 10:30 am Worship - 11:30 am Evangelistic Service 6:30 pm Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Sumter Bible Church</b> 420 South Pike West, Sumter 803-773-8339 • Pastor Ron Davis Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am &amp; 6:30 pm Wed. Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>The Rock Church of Sumter</b> 365 N. Saint Pauls Ch. Rd. • 803-494-7625 Pastor Gwendolyn Credle Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am</p>	<p><b>Presbyterian - ARP</b></p> <p><b>Lemira Presbyterian Church</b> 514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024 Pastor Dan Rowton Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church of Sumter</b> 9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.) (803) 773-3814 • <a href="mailto:info@fpcsumter.org">info@fpcsumter.org</a> Rev. Jim Burton Sunday School (classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m. Hospitality &amp; Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:10 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m. Youth (West Center) 5:00 p.m. Grades 6-12 VBS (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m. Age 3-Grade 5 Register <a href="http://www.fpcsumter.org">www.fpcsumter.org</a></p> <p><b>Presbyterian PCA</b></p> <p><b>Westminster Presbyterian Church</b> 230 Alice Dr., Sumter 803-773-7235 Pastor Stuart Mizelle Sunday School 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am</p>
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### CHILD'S PLAY

A playground brings back memories of happy times, an oasis in a busy day. In our hectic lives, we need to find a reason to smile in the midst of mayhem...for ourselves as well as for those who see us, that they might "catch" our pleasant frame of mind. God gives us a reason to smile: He cares for us as His children. Discover His sanctuary in the midst of the business of living. Share in the joy of becoming a child of God!

Weekly Scripture Reading					
1 Peter 1:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-25	1 Peter 3:1-22	1 Peter 4:1-19	1 Peter 5:1-14	2 Peter 1:1-21

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## Camp Bob Cooper kicks off summer

### Lake Marion facility hosts traditional, specialty camps

BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROWSKY  
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SUMMERTON — Shaquille Houston, 22, first came to Camp Bob Cooper as a camper at age 7. Now, 15 years later, he is back as a counselor.

Houston is one of 27 nationwide counselors who are staying at the camp for about three months.

Each year, the camp, owned and operated by Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute, receives an abundance of applications from college students wanting to be counselors, said Jake McClure, site director.

This year, counselors have come from all across the state and from as far away as California and Texas.

As a child, Houston, originally from Charleston, attended Camp Adam Fisher, a camp for children affected by diabetes. He suffered from Type 1 diabetes.

"I had a very fun experience; I felt welcome and part of a group of children who I could relate to because we were going through the same challenges," he said.

This year, Houston, a recent South Carolina State University graduate, will assist with numerous camps at Camp Bob Cooper through August.

"This is a great place to get children out of their usual environment, away from modern technology, and just give them a chance to enjoy the outdoors," he said.

Houston, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education activity management, is planning to pursue a career in athletic training.

Camp counselor Elizabeth Graves, a native of Sacramento, California, and an elementary education major at Regis University in Colorado, said she is receiving hands-on experience by working with children at the camp.

"I love the challenge of being on my feet all day and learning what to do in different situations," she said.

Camp counselor Stephen Simms, 26, a Georgia native and a senior biology major at University of New Haven, Connecticut, said he enjoys seeing the smiles on children's faces and their



Campers, left, participate in a team-building activity in which they walk with their eyes closed under the direction of a camp counselor at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton. This week, children are attending the 4-H Summer Camp, a week-long camp with traditional camp activities.

A camper jumps onto The Blob, an inflatable water trampoline, below, at Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute's Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton.

PHOTOS BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROWSKY / THE SUMTER ITEM



just being themselves.

This week was the first week for camp, kicking off with 4-H Summer Camp, a week-long camp with traditional camp activities, including team sports, water sports, paintball, archery, nature hikes, a ropes course and a climbing wall. The camp is open for all children ages 8 to 14.

There is also a mini-camp for first-time campers ages 6 to 9. The camp is offered six weeks during the summer.

"It's a traditional camp that allows

kids just to be kids and enjoy the outdoors," said Brittany Helm, 4-H camp director.

Helm, a graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in parks, recreation and tourism management, has been returning as a counselor each summer for the last five years.

Some of the other camps taking place at Camp Bob Cooper this summer include Camp Happy Days, a camp for children suffering from cancer, survivors of cancers, their sib-

lings and siblings of children who have passed away from the disease; Camp Adam Fisher, a camp for children with diabetes, their brothers, sisters and friends; and Christian and Missionary Alliance South Atlantic District's summer camp.

Camp Bob Cooper is located at 8001 M.W. Rickenbaker Road in Summerton.

For more information, contact Camp Bob Cooper at (803) 478-2105, or visit the website at [www.campbobcooper.com](http://www.campbobcooper.com).

## DR. KEN JOHNSON — 1954-2016

# Passionate physician, coach remembered fondly

MANNING — Dr. Gerald Kenneth "Ken" Johnson, 62, a local physician and football coach, was described as a man of compassion and diligence, who had a passion for everything he was involved in.

Johnson, husband of Angie Jackson Johnson, died on June 2, 2016, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Laurence Manning Academy gymnasium. Burial followed in Clarendon Memorial Gardens.

Johnson and his wife were founders and owners of Santee Cooper Urgent Care and Primary Care at Santee Cooper with both offices operating in Manning. Johnson also was heavily involved with Laurence Manning Academy, serving as the school's sports teams physician for 25 years and as the head B-team football coach for 18 years.

Born on Feb. 23, 1954, in Bamberg, Johnson grew up in Denmark and attended Wofford College on a football and academic scholarship.

After graduating from Medical University of South Carolina with honors, he began his career in Andrews as a family physician. Upon leaving Andrews, he began practicing emergency medicine.

He co-founded Pee Dee Emergency Medical Associates, which provided emergency room doctors for the Pee Dee area.

Manning resident Bill

Brewer, who was one of Johnson's best friends, said he was a hardworking person who built his whole life around helping people.

"Ken never backed down from anything," he said. "He always went out of his way to help someone else. The way he handled people was just amazing. He was an unbelievable friend who cared about everyone."

Spencer Jordan, headmaster of Laurence Manning Academy, said that Johnson not only taught his players the ins and outs of football but also lessons in life.

"Dr. Johnson was one of the most compassionate and caring men I have ever known," Jordan said. "He loved Laurence Manning Academy and this community, and it really showed in the way he interacted with everyone."

Jordan said Johnson expected his players to work hard and persevere.



JOHNSON

Ed Frye, former chief executive officer of Clarendon Health System, said Johnson had a candid approach to medicine and treated all of his patients "first class."

"He was a big man with a big heart and an even bigger personality," Frye said. "He definitely had a presence when he walked into a room."

Frye said Johnson served as director of the emergency room at Clarendon Memorial Hospital before opening his own urgent care practice.

"He did a wonderful job in serving the community and was loved by all who came in contact with him," he said. "He could instantly recognize a person's symptoms and determine their illnesses."

Manning Mayor Julia A. Nelson said she first met Johnson on what she described as one of the worst days of her life, when she found out that the kidney disease she was battling had reached a critical stage.

"Dr. Johnson cared for me with such compassion and un-

derstanding," Nelson said. "I will always remember and hold him in high esteem for being there for me at such a critical time in my life."

Dr. Raymond Dominici, who had served as a general surgeon in Clarendon County for many years, described Johnson as a supportive friend.

"He worked hard and developed a great business with an excellent reputation," Dominici said.

Dr. Marva Williams, a family physician at Santee Cooper Urgent Care, worked with Johnson for about 16 years.

"I learned more from Dr. Johnson in six months than I did in seven years of medical school and residency," she said. "He always pushed me to be the best doctor I could be. He believed in me and instilled confidence in me."

Todd Culclasure, physician's assistant at Primary Care at Santee Cooper, said Johnson always went above and beyond.

"He genuinely loved caring for people, more than anyone I've ever met," Culclasure

said. "He went to great pains to make sure everything was done right."

Robbie Briggs, Laurence Manning's athletic director and head varsity football coach, said Johnson was his family's physician for many years. He said Johnson was instrumental in Briggs coming to coach at the school.

"He was one of the most unselfish people I've ever met," Briggs said. "He was always high energy, always cared about your welfare and was always there on the sidelines as team physician. Having him there was essential on many occasions."

Laurence Manning Academy Board of Trustees Chairman Gary Lee said Johnson was a close friend for about 20 years and at one time served as a school board member.

"He was very thorough in everything he did and loved helping patients and training his football players to be exemplary young men," Lee said. "He had a big heart."

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#### Estate Notice Clarendon County

##### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

**Estate:** **Rossie Lucille Stukes Brown** #2016ES1400124  
 Personal Representative: Jesse B. Brown  
 16 Burgess Street  
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 05/26/16 - 06/09/16

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### Summons & Notice

#### SUMMONS AND NOTICE

##### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 16-CP-14-00148

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON  
 Simone Simmons, Plaintiff,  
 -v-  
 Sandra S. Green, Defendant.

**TO THE DEFENDANT:** Sandra S. Green  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, on the 31st day of March, 2016, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive

### Summons & Notice

of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on March 31, 2016. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

**John D. Clark, Esquire**  
 Sharon B. Clark, Esquire  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 22 East Liberty Street  
 P.O. Drawer 880  
 Sumter, SC 29151

#### CLARENDON COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES

##### Open Seats - 2 New Board Members Needed

Clarendon County United Ministries is a volunteer interfaith-independent agency governed by a working Board of directors that has served as a safety net for the working poor, the disabled, the elderly on fixed incomes and the unemployed. The ministry is currently in need of two new board members who are willing to enthusiastically volunteer their time for a worthwhile cause. If interested, please contact Desmond DeSilvia, Board Chair at 803.473.5082 for details.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, July 11, 2016, at The Clarendon County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC in consideration of Ordinance #2016-03

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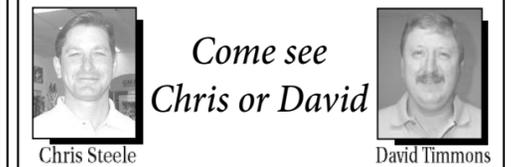
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### Clarendon School District Two Vacancy

**Position** Instructional Assistant  
**Qualifications** 60 Hours of College Credit or Must Have Passed Para Pro Exam Clear Criminal Background Check  
**Salary** District Salary Scale (Teacher Assistant)  
**Deadline** June 10, 2016 or until position filled  
**Send Application** Daniel McCathern  
 Assistant Superintendent  
 Clarendon School District Two  
 P.O. Box 1252  
 15 Major Drive  
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 Clarendon School District Two is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications are available online at [www.clarendon2.k12.sc.us](http://www.clarendon2.k12.sc.us) or in the District Office.

### Clarendon School District Two Vacancy

**Position** Project FRED Coordinator Temporary Position (Two Year Grant) 190 Days per Year  
**Description** Responsible for Implementation of Project FRED Grant Designed to Engage Parents and Students in Reading At Home. Provide Training to Head Start and Local Day Care Staff  
**Qualifications** Minimum Requirement: Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Clear Criminal Background Check  
**Salary** \$23,000 per Year Salary  
**Deadline** June 15, 2016 or until position filled  
**Send Application** Clarendon School District Two  
 Daniel McCathern  
 P.O. Box 1252 • Manning, SC 29102  
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Dietary guidelines recommend obtaining 55 to 60 percent of energy from carbohydrates, especially complex carbohydrates.

But how do these guidelines translate into daily food choices? And what are the specific benefits of whole-grain foods in the healthful eating equation?

Carbohydrates are a valuable energy source, fueling the central nervous system and muscles during physical activity. Supplying four calories per gram, carbohydrates also help the body efficiently use vitamins, minerals, amino acids and other essential nutrients.

Scientists classify carbohydrates into two categories: simple and complex.

Sugars are called simple carbohydrates because they consist of one or two sugar units. Sugar occurs naturally in fruits, vegetables, milk and other foods, as well as in a refined state such as table sugar or sucrose. The body cannot distinguish between naturally occurring and added sugars and digests both in exactly the same manner.

Complex carbohydrates — found in grain foods as well as fruits and vegetables — get their name from their complex chain-like structure of many sugars units. Among com-

plex carbohydrates are starches and dietary fiber. During the digestive process, starch is typically broken down into sugars and used by the body for energy.

Studies indicate that high fiber diets can reduce the risks of heart disease and certain types of cancer.

Soluble fiber in cereals, oatmeal, beans and other foods has been found to lower blood cholesterol. Insoluble fiber, which is found in cauliflower, cabbage and other vegetables and fruits, helps move through the stomach and intestine, thereby decreasing the risk of cancers of the colon and rectum.

Whole-grain breads and cereals, dry beans and peas, fruits and vegetables are generally low in fat and contain little or no cholesterol. They are also rich in fiber, which facilitates proper bowel function and can reduce symptoms of chronic constipation and hemorrhoids.

For the most part, consumers appear to be aware of the benefits of carbohydrate consumption.

Yet, evidence shows that when it comes to complex carbohydrates, people are consuming only one half the recommended numbers of servings each day. A survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that adults consume an average of four to five servings a day of grain products, only one of which is whole grain.

It is worth noting that the food guide pyramid recommends 6 to 11 servings of grain products per day, at least three of which should be from whole-grain foods.

Despite the clear benefits of fiber-rich diet, most Americans fall far short of optimal intakes.

In closing, for individuals with diabetes, it is essential that you closely follow the instructions of your doctor regarding any consumption of carbohydrates.

## Pets of the week



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**Boomer** is a 2-year-old brown and tan Chihuahua mix who is current on his shots and tested negative for heartworms. He has been neutered and is ready for adoption. He is a sweet boy who wants some loving and care. If you think this is the boy for you, come to the shelter and meet him. Stop by A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To drop off an animal, call (803) 473-7075 for an appointment. If you've lost a pet, check [www.ccanimalcontrol.webs.com](http://www.ccanimalcontrol.webs.com) and [www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com](http://www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com).



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# Manning Elementary School presents its honor roll

The following students were named to the honor roll for the fourth nine-weeks period:

### 4TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Parah Anderson, Joey Busby, Landen Carroll, Taylor Corbett, Talasia Dozier, Kennedy Fullen, Thomas Pate, Katlyn Salley, Isabela Sanchez and Gavin Thorp

### 4TH GRADE A/B HONOR ROLL

Ryan Atkinson, Ky'seim Austin, Elona Barnes, Lacey Barrett, Bryson Bensoussan, Jordan Blackmon, Kyle Blackwell, Arden Brown, Robert Bryant, Bennie Cantey, Janaya Canty, Byby Casas, Estrella Coello, Evan Coker, Abigail Cottone, Amara Courchaine, Elizabeth Cuddy, Miguel DaCosta, Talia Dozier, Miles Farmer, Layton Floyd, Jalarius Fordham, Rashad Frierson, Nhyziera Gamble, Le'ya Gibson, Joel Grant, Jonathon Harrison, Shanaya Haywood, Andreah Holland, Ethan Hyde, Jesse Imhoff, Marti-Leigh Jones, Savion Lawson, Kamari Lewis, Betsy Lopez, Damion Martinez, Richard McIntosh, Wyatt Miller, James Montgomery, Kwincy Montgomery, Khimaya Nesmith, Joseph Pack, Diamond Parker, Christopher Patterson, Kelvin Pearson, Rebekah Richburg, Philip Ridgeway, James Ridgeway, Vinson Ridgeway, Ethan Rogers, Emily Saengjunt, Teondray Samuel, Elainea Staton, Zoe Stevens, Ariana Thames, Triston Thames and Nathan Varn

### FIFTH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Emma Erickson, Hannah

Hardy, Derrick Husser, Jodie Li, Waveland McCabe, James Parimuha, Tathan Rabon, Amber Tindal, Brenden Weeks and Sean Zito

### FIFTH GRADE "A/B" HONOR ROLL

Jessica Alsbrooks, Alfred Armstrong, Lillian Baltzegar, Samantha Baltzegar, E'vonta Bannister, Kamaryon Benjamin, Michael Brunson, Hunter Corbett, Donnie Feagin, Au'Zaria Foster, Heaven Green, Jasmine Hornak, Kenjii Johnson, Mary Jones, Naliyah Lewis, Reagan McElveen, Erick Montgomery, Jaidyn Murray, Dalton Patrick, Jennifer Patterson, Tatiana Pendgrass, Gabriell Pringle, Na-

layah Robinson, Clayton Rose, Kevin Saengjunt, Elora Saxon, Travis Smiling, Mia Stevens, Hailey Stewart, Enndya Thames, Thomas Tisdale, Nevaeh Torres, Brandon Uncapher and Kennah Vicente

### SIXTH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Brian Joyner, Addie Laney and Abigail Owens

### SIXTH GRADE A/B HONOR ROLL

Stacyln Bell, David Bennett, Heavenly Chessmore, Brianna Chester, Keyla Colman Vasquez, Manuel Cruz, Thomas Dooley, Tenasia Dow, McClendon Geddings, Dejah Gist, Timothy Goldsmith, Laura Gore, Courtney Green, Brian-

na Harvin, Ty'Kerah Hilton, Takyra Jackson, Keenan Jamison, Sadie Johnson, Keyah Jones, William Jones, Azaria Lemon, Jessica Mares, Chyna McCullough, Elizabeth Morris, Laila Owens, Elijah Owens, Harry Patel, Zykia Pringle, Amonte' Ragin,

Charles Ragin, Kenneth Roberson, Ricardo Rodriguez, Dominaja Thompson, Grace Tindal, Kya Vicente, Kelsey Wheeler, Henry Williams, Morgan Windham, Dalton Witherell, David Witherell, Omar Woods and Destiny Zene

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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>																
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7:00pm Local news update.	Entertainment Tonight (N) (HD)	2016 Stanley Cup Final: Game 5: San Jose Sharks at Pittsburgh Penguins from CONSOL Energy Center [LIVE] (HD)			WIS News 10 at 11:00pm News and weather.	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Comedic skits and celebrity interviews. (HD)						
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 @ 7pm Evening news update.	Inside Edition (N) (HD)	The Big Bang Theory Valentine's Day. (HD)	Life in Pieces: Ponzi Sex Paris Bounce (HD)	Mom: Sawdust and Brisket Bonding. (HD)	The Odd Couple: From Here to Maturity (HD)	Code Black: Buen Árbol Woman with amnesia; ill immigrant child. (HD)			News 19 @ 11pm The news of the day.	(:35) The Late Show with Stephen Colbert Patrick Wilson; Simone Giertz. (N) (HD)		
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune (N) (HD)	Jeopardy! (N) (HD)	Modern Family: Summer Lovin' (HD)	War of the Worlds ('05, Science Fiction) ★★½ Tom Cruise. A father tries to keep his resentful son and precocious daughter alive as they flee from a surprise attack launched by a relentless, alien foe. (HD)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (HD)			(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Actor Will Arnett visits; Snoop Dogg. (HD)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe: Vienna	Palmetto Scene (HD)	America After Charleston Town hall meeting about mass shooting.	Shetland: Blue Lightning, Part 2 Perez closes in on a solution. (HD)			The Grand Rescue (N) (HD)			Tavis Smiley Maria Toorpakai. (HD)	BBC World News International news.	Charlie Rose (N) (HD)	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Teaching football. (HD)	The Big Bang Theory Mothers visit. (HD)	American Grit: Tired Out/Over the Falls John Cena announced the teams' next challenge, which will be to execute four intense obstacles, obtaining a tire at the end of each course. (N) (HD)			WACH FOX News at 10 Local news report and weather forecast.			Overtime	2 Broke Girls False cupcakes. (HD)	Mike & Molly Overweight couple. (HD)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Anger Management Face-off in court. (HD)	Anger Management Celebrity client. (HD)	DC's Legends of Tomorrow: Blood Ties Rip, Sara go after Vandal's finances. (HD)			Beauty and the Beast: Beast Interrupted Cat and Vincent protect heirless. (N) (HD)			The Mentalist: Blood In, Blood Out Investigating murder of a gang member. (HD)			The Mentalist: Red Herring Investigating murder of arrogant chef. (HD)	Hot in Cleveland: What Now, My Love? (HD)
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>																
A&E	46	130	The First 48: Murder in Treme Woman's slaying. (HD)	The First 48: Down on Bourbon; Deadly Trap (HD)	Streets of Compton: Parts 1 & 2 City turned slum generates careers of N.W.A. and Venus and Serena Williams. (N) (HD)			(:03) The First 48: Neighborhood Watch; Eye in the Sky (HD)			(:03) The First 48 (HD)					
AMC	48	180	National Lampoon's Vacation ('83, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (HD)	Uncle Buck ('89, Comedy) ★★½ John Candy. An irresponsible man learns lessons about being an adult while caring for kids. (HD)	(:15) National Lampoon's Animal House ('78, Comedy) ★★½ John Belushi. College misfits attempt to undermine the dean and his favored fraternity.											
ANPL	41	100	The Last Alaskans (HD)	Alaskans: Remote Access (N)	North Woods Law (N) (HD)			(:02) Lone Star Law (N) (HD)			Lone Star Law: Game On (HD)		North Wood			
BET	61	162	The Road to BET Experience 2016 (N) (HD)	BET Awards '09 Jamie Foxx hosts hip-hop's biggest event, awarding artists for their work.	Hell Date Hot date's twin met.			ComicView Comics perform.			Hell Date Hot date's twin met.		Sistah Fake dates.			
BRAVO	47	181	Million Dollar Listing New York: Tug of Warhol	Million Dollar Listing New York: A More Modern Family	Million Dollar Listing New York: No Moore Mr. Nice Guy (N)			Odd Mom Out: Secrets Revealed, Part 2 (N)			(:02) Million Dollar Listing New York: No Moore Mr. Nice Guy		Below Deck: Entrée-vous			
CNBC	35	84	American Greed: Scams (HD)	American Greed: Scams (HD)	American Greed: Scams (HD)			American Greed: Scams (N)			American Greed: Scams (HD)		Greed (HD)			
CNN	33	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360° (N) (HD)	The Eighties (N) (HD)			CNN Tonight with Don Lemon			CNN Tonight with Don Lemon		Eighties (HD)			
COM	57	136	(:20) Futurama: 31st Century Fox Bender is hunted. (HD)	(:24) Tosh.0: Catcaller (HD)	(:24) Tosh.0: Yotta Life (HD)	(56) Amy Schumer: Mostly Sex Stuff Comic's sex life. (HD)			Inside Amy Schumer (N)			Not Safe (HD)	Amy Schumer: Mostly Sex Stuff Comic's sex life. (HD)	(:01) Feinstein (HD)		
DISN	18	200	(:05) K.C. Undercover (HD)	(:35) Stuck in the Middle (HD)	(:07) Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs ('09, Comedy) ★★½ Bill Hader. Edible chaos.	(:50) Austin & Ally (HD)			(:15) BUNK'D (HD)	(:40) Liv and Maddie (HD)	(:05) Girl Meets World (HD)	Jessie: Coffee Talk (HD)	Minutemen ('08) ★★ (HD)			
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid (HD)	Naked and Afraid (HD)	Naked and Afraid Pop-Up (N)			Naked and Afraid Pop-Up (N)			Naked and Afraid (HD)		Nkd & Afrd			
ESPN	26	35	UEFA Euro Preview Show (N)	College Track & Field: from Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. [LIVE] (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)											
ESPN2	27	39	Nation (HD)	Highly (HD)	BattleFrog College (HD)	BattleFrog College (HD)			BattleFrog College (HD)			NFL Live (HD)	Preview Show			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped: Hero Chefs (HD)	Chopped Slimy surprise. (HD)	Chopped Deadly food. (HD)			Beat Bobby			Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Chopped (HD)		
FOXN	37	90	On the Record with Greta (N)	The O'Reilly Factor (N) (HD)	The Kelly File News updates.			Hannity (N) (HD)			The O'Reilly Factor (HD)		The Kelly File			
FREE	20	131	(6:30) Mean Girls ('04, Comedy) ★★½ Teen makes hit with A-list clique. (HD)	Lindsay Lohan. (HD)	(:45) Freaky Friday ('03, Comedy) ★★½ Jamie Lee Curtis. A mother and daughter wake up and find out that they have switched bodies. (HD)			The 700 Club			Lizzie Halloween party.					
FSS	31	42	UFC Reloaded: UFC 179: Aldo vs Mendes II (HD)	Championship Bull Riding			World Poker Tour [R] (HD)			PowerShares						
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing (HD)	Last Man Standing (HD)	Last Man Standing (HD)	The Middle: The Prom (HD)	The Middle: The Bridge (HD)	The Middle (HD)			The Middle (HD)	Golden Girls: Bedtime Story	Gold. Girl Dorothy's new man.	Gold. Girl Sophia's sister.		
HGTV	39	112	Flip/Flop (HD)	Flip/Flop (HD)	Flip/Flop (HD)	Flip/Flop (HD)	Flip/Flop (HD)	Flip/Flop (HD)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Vintage (N)	Vintage (N)	Vintage (N)	Flip/Flop (HD)		
HISTV	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Alone: A Deeper Cut (N) (HD)	Alone: Trial by Fire (N) (HD)			(:03) Mountain Men (N) (HD)			Join or Die (N)	Join or Die (N)	Alone (HD)		
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LIFE	50	145	(6:00) The Nanny Diaries ('07, Comedy) Scarlett Johansson. (HD)	Movie			(:02) The Switch ('10, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston. A beautiful, unmarried 40-year-old woman decides that she wants to have a baby. (HD)						(:02) Movie			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball with Chris (N) (HD)	All in with Chris Hayes (HD)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			Lawrence O'Donnell (HD)			All in with Chris Hayes (HD)			Maddow (HD)		
NICK	16	210	Thunderman	Thunderman	Open Season 2 ('09, Comedy) ★★½ Joel McHale.			Full House: The Devil Made Me Do It			Friends (HD)		Friends (HD)			
SPIKE	64	153	The Dark Knight Rises ('12)	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Guys Choice: Perfect 10 Winners of manly awards declared. (N)			Lip Sync Zoe Saldana.			Guys Choice					
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) The Conjuring ('13, Horror) ★★½ Vera Farmiga. Paranormal investigators help family being terrorized by a dark presence.	Child's Play ('88, Horror) ★★½ Catherine Hicks. A young boy's new doll is possessed by the spirit of a vicious serial killer.			Child's Play 2 ('90, Horror) ★½ Alex Vincent. Psychopathic doll is resurrected.									
TBS	24	156	Angie Tribeca (HD)	Angie Tribeca (HD)	2 Broke Girls (HD)	2 Broke Girls (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	2 Broke Girls (HD)	2 Broke Girls (HD)	Conan John C. Reilly; Lucy Hale; Tom Papa. (N) (HD)		2 Broke Girls (HD)			
TCM	49	186	(6:00) Jubal ('56, Western) ★★½ Glenn Ford. Ranch romance.	The King and I ('56, Musical) ★★½ Deborah Kerr. A governess finds the King of Siam as much a challenge as his many children.			Carousel ('56, Musical) ★★½ Gordon MacRae. A carnival barker tries to change his rowdy ways when he falls for a good woman.									
TLC	43	157	My 600-lb Life (HD)	My 600-lb Life (HD)	Extreme Weight Loss (HD)			Fat Chance: Lucy (N) (HD)			My Big Fat Fabulous Life (HD)		Fat Chance			
TNT	23	158	Castle: The Double Down Castle's bet. (HD)	The Next Three Days ('10, Crime) ★★½ Russell Crowe. A husband plans to free his wife from prison after she is sentenced for life. (HD)			Unknown ('11, Thriller) ★★½ Liam Neeson. After a wreck, a doctor wakes up and finds no one knows him, including his wife. (HD)									
TRUTV	38	129	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Comedy (N)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)			
TVLAND	55	161	A Griffith (HD)	A Griffith (HD)	Lopez (HD)	(:48) George Lopez (HD)	Loves Ray.			Loves Ray.	Comedy (N)	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)		
USA	25	132	NCIS: Under Covers Undercover romance. (HD)	WWE SmackDown [LIVE] (HD)			Sabotage ('14, Action) ★★½ Arnold Schwarzenegger. DEA task force members begin to be eliminated after raid on cartel safe house. (HD)			Match Made in Heaven (N) (HD)			Braxton Family Values (HD)	Match Made		
WE	68	166	Braxton Family Values (HD)	Braxton Family Values (HD)			Braxton Family Values (N) (HD)			Elementary: Internal Audit (HD)			How I Met	How I Met		
WGN	8	172	Elementary (HD)	Elementary: On the Line (HD)			Elementary: Tremors (HD)						How I Met	How I Met		

# 'Streets of Compton' chronicles infamous city's history

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Some city names speak volumes. The three-part documentary "Streets of Compton" (9 p.m., A&E, TV-14) explores the history and legends behind the city in Los Angeles County synonymous with gang violence, the drug trade and West Coast rap that emerged from its streets. Produced by rapper The Game, "Compton" includes interviews with former gang leaders, mayors, police officers, gang experts and famous former Compton residents including actress Niecy Nash, comedian Paul Rodriguez and musicians Lil Eazy-E, DJ Yella, Arabian Prince, DJ Speed, Tha Chill, MC Eiht, AD, Payso and Problem. The film offers a survey history of urban change and decay, from the point of view of rappers, former Black Panthers and Compton residents who see its story as a parallel version of the "official" American dream. Once a sleepy all-white suburb where blacks were not allowed to work but not linger after sunset, Compton began to integrate in the 1950s. The film asserts that gangs began to form as protection from racist white vigilantes who often graduated from street gangs to the Los Angeles police force. It makes the case that the FBI and the Nixon administration's all-out war on the political activities of the Black Panthers opened a void for purely criminal gang activity, a blight that accelerated with the crack-cocaine epidemic of the 1980s. The film alleges that the drugs that flooded the streets were a direct result of the Reagan foreign policy in Central America. "Compton" also describes the origins of the Crips and the Bloods, high school rivalries that produced generations-long cycles of murder and revenge, as weapons changed from fists and switchblades to Uzis and AK-47s. We also meet those who survived the neighborhood. Anthony Anderson ("black-ish") explains the grim reality of watching childhood friends as they ganged up and were shot down before his eyes. Compton also produced two tennis superstars named

Venus and Serena Williams, whose resilience, discipline and determination were said to have been forged in an incredibly tough environment. Part Three will air next Thursday.

Television's never-ending quest for male viewers has brought us the 10th anniversary edition of the **Guys Choice Awards** (9 p.m., Spike). This year celebrates the 1995 Martin Scorsese movie "Casino," and features a special appearance by stars Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. The awards show takes a special minute to honor Muhammad Ali, who died shortly before the ceremony was taped last weekend. The real estate renovation and speculation showcase "Flip or Flop" (9 p.m., HGTV, TV-G) enters its fifth season with experts Tarek and Christina El Moussa kicking the proverbial tires on a property in Whittier, California, that straddles the line between "distressed" and terrifying.



Lonzo Williams, left, owner of Eve's After Dark Club, and DJ Yella, a founding member of the rap group NWA, are featured on the A&E original docuseries "Streets of Compton," premiering at 9 p.m. today.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A winner emerges on a two-hour helping of "American Grit" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).
- Zoe Saldana and Zachary

### Quinto compete on "Lip Sync Battle"

- Aliens invade New Jersey in the 2005 adaptation of "War of the Worlds" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

- Angus stimulates the memories of an amnesiac on "Code Black" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).
- Competition has its compensations on "Orphan Black" (10 p.m., BBC America, TV-MA).

### LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" and "The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore" are pre-empted \* John C. Reilly, Lucy Hale and Tom Papa appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) \* Will Arnett and Snoop Dogg appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) \* Dave Franco, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Diarrhea Planet and Jon Theodorre visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Thomas Middleditch, Tom Hiddleston, Jack Hanna and Nathaniel Rateliff and The Night Sweats appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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# Clinton, Trump attempt to unify parties

NEW YORK (AP) — Energized by a final batch of primary victories, Hillary Clinton is setting out on the difficult task of uniting her fractured Democratic Party for the five-month presidential battle with Republican Donald Trump.

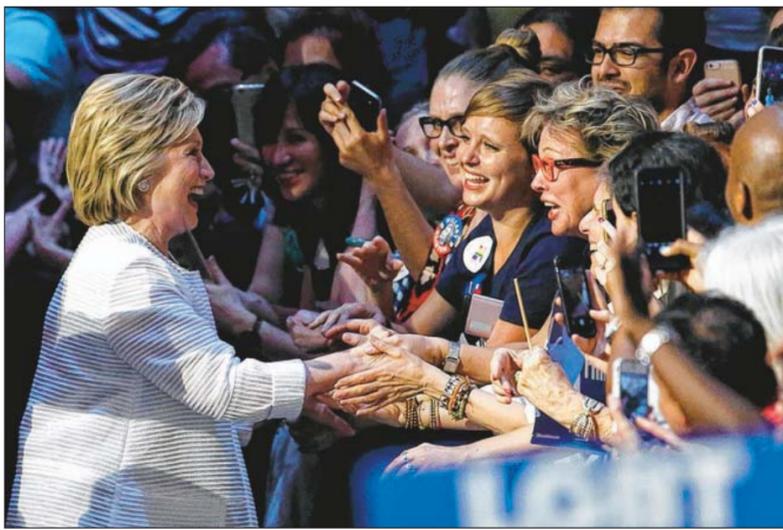
Fellow Democrats urged Bernie Sanders to end his all-but-hopeless challenge to her, but still tried to give him space to make that difficult decision.

“Let him make that decision. Give him time,” Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday when asked if it was time for Sanders to halt his effort.

Sanders vowed to continue to his campaign to the last contest in the District of Columbia next Tuesday. But about half his campaign staff is being laid off, two people familiar with the plans said Wednesday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about the layoffs.

Clinton cruised to easy victories in four of the six state contests Tuesday. With each win she further solidified Sen. Sanders' defeat and dashed his already slim chances of using the last night of state contests to save his flagging bid.

The victories allowed Clinton to celebrate her long-sought “mile-



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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, left, is greeted by supporters as she arrives to a presidential primary election night rally on Tuesday in New York.

stone,” the first woman poised to lead a major political party's presidential ticket. Standing before a flag-waving crowd in Brooklyn, the former secretary of state soaked up the cheers and beamed.

“Barriers can come down. Justice and equality can win,” she said. “This

campaign is about making sure there are no ceilings, no limits on any of us. This is our moment to come together.”

Clinton had already secured the delegates needed for the nomination before Tuesday's contests, according to an Associated Press tally.

Still, Sanders had hoped to use a victory in California to persuade party insiders to switch their allegiances. Sanders picked up wins in Montana and North Dakota, but Clinton won substantially in California.

Clinton's victory in California assured her a majority of pledged delegates — those chosen in primaries and caucuses. That's notable because Sanders has argued that his White House bid remained viable as long as he stood a chance of winning a majority of those delegates. He would have needed a landslide Tuesday to reach that goal.

Sanders is under intense pressure from top Democrats hoping to coax him gently out of the race, win over his voters and turn to the task of challenging Trump, the presumptive GOP nominee. Sanders planned to meet separately Thursday with President Obama and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid.

While Reid has stopped short of publicly calling for Sanders to drop out, other senators were less restrained Wednesday. Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said Sanders should “stand down,” and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire said she would like to see him wind down his candidacy sooner rather than later.

## Federal trial date now set in Charleston church shooting case

CHARLESTON — U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel on Tuesday set Nov. 7 as the start of serious questioning of prospective jurors in the upcoming federal Dylann Roof hate crimes-related death penalty trial.

The Nov. 7 date for jury selection means opening arguments in a trial expected to last up to some six weeks could begin in late November or early December.

At a hearing in Charleston federal court, Gergel said he intended to contact some 1,200-1,500 prospective jurors for possible service in the case. Some “hotheads” in that initial jury pool will be winnowed out by an initial paper questionnaire, but hundreds after that likely will be called for additional questioning in person by the judge, with defense and prosecution lawyers looking on, Gergel said.

The Nov. 7 date, a Monday, came as something of a surprise. It means a federal trial will get going almost three months before a long-awaited state death penalty trial for Roof. The state trial is supposed to start Jan. 27 in Charleston. Rarely, if ever, have two death penalty trials — one in state court and the other in federal — been scheduled back to back.

The questioning of potential jurors, called voir dire, is supposed to eliminate jurors with bias and could last three weeks, Gergel estimated. That would be followed by an estimated six weeks of a guilt-or-innocence trial phase, followed by a penalty phase — not including breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

At the end of the jury voir dire, 12 jurors and six alternates will be chosen to sit through the trial, Gergel said.

Roof, 22, an avowed white supremacist from Columbia, is the alleged lone gunman charged by both state and federal prosecutors in the slayings of nine black people on June 17 at the historic Eman-

uel AME Church in downtown Charleston. Three others, also black, were wounded.

Before opening fire, Roof sat through an hour-long Wednesday night Bible study with the group, prosecutors' filings have said.

Although most people expect the federal trial to be held in Charleston, Roof's defense attorneys still have the option to move for a change of venue, in which case it likely would be held in Columbia.

At Tuesday's hearing, Roof attorney David Bruck repeated an offer he has made a half-dozen times since last summer: Roof will plead guilty immediately in ex-



ROOF

change for a sentence of life without parole.

“The plea offer has not been withdrawn and will never be withdrawn,” Bruck said.

However, assistant prosecutor U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson has so far declined the offer.

It was Bruck and his co-counsel, Michael O'Connell, who had moved for the speedy trial date.

Roof, who is in jail without bond and has not been at a hearing since last fall, was in court Tuesday.

Dressed in gray striped jail

garb, Roof — who months ago had a domed haircut shaped like a bowl on his head — still had longish hair, but noticeably shorter, and cut in a traditional men's slightly combed-over style. He sat between his lawyers and looked straight ahead. He did not speak.

During Tuesday's hearing, which lasted about 90 minutes, Gergel gave notice to Bruck and Richardson he intends to move the trial along. Although he will listen to the lawyers, he intends to make decisions quickly.

“I will probably make no friends on this,” said Gergel in a disarmingly friendly tone. “I've always said, ‘If you

want a friend, get a dog.’”

When Bruck told Gergel he wanted to delay telling the government who certain witnesses would be, Gergel told Bruck he had to give prosecutors adequate notice of the witnesses he was putting on.

“We don't want a trial by ambush,” Gergel told the lawyers. “We want the parties to be adequately prepared to address the issues.”

Gergel also indicated he would keep the names of witnesses secret from the public until they actually testified to protect them from being intimidated by anyone, when their names “would be fair game” for the public and the media to know.

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## Political fighting to get even more intense

**W**ith the expected coronation of Hillary Clinton as the Democrat Party nominee for president of the United States looming, the nastiest campaign for the White House in recent years has kicked off. We can expect a slugfest to occupy the nation into November until the final ballot is cast.

Meanwhile Donald Trump is already firing away in his take-no-prisoners campaign. His bombast has even included such fellow Republicans as Sen. Ted Cruz (“Lyin’ Ted Cruz”) and more recently, the well-respected

### EDITORIAL

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, the nation’s first female Hispanic governor, was the recipient in May of a Trump cheap shot when he accused her of “not doing the job...we’ve got to get her moving. Come on: Let’s go, governor.”

The thin-skinned Trump became ticked off when she criticized him for accusing illegal immigrants from Mexico of being “rapists” and bringing drugs and crime into the United States. He subsequently backed off from his criticism of Martinez and de-

clared he respected and had always liked her.

With Trump, when he gets caught with his foot in his mouth, he believes in the old adage that a “foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds” and keeps on keepin’ on.

Trump seems to be attempting to tone down his rhetoric as the presidential race picks up. Only time will tell if he will begin to act more presidential rather than like a thin-skinned bully.

As for Hillary and the Clinton Cartel, she and hubby Bill carry more baggage than a Skycap at La Guardia

Airport and are fair game for the growing chorus of smear merchants on the GOP side just as Mitt Romney was savaged in the 2008 presidential race. Either side will be soiled in the upcoming food fights.

In the meantime, if Republicans want to hedge their bets about the outcome of the presidential race, they had best develop a laser-like focus on retaining control of both houses of Congress and making sure they’re veto-proof so Hillary will fall short of securing a third term for the radical leftist regime of Barack “the disuniter” Obama.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## S.C. lawmakers trample on your access to information

### FROM INDEX-JOURNAL

**O**ops, they did it again. Only it’s not an oops; it’s more of a rude, crude one-finger salute directed at you, the public, the taxpayers.

South Carolina’s lawmakers have had six years to come to grips with measures designed to strengthen the state’s Freedom of Information Act, thanks to Aiken Rep. Bill Taylor and others who recognized years ago that real reform was needed in an effort to create better and more transparent government, government that is accountable to the people. And this year, when they rolled into town in early January, lawmakers could have and should have busied themselves with key legislation, tackling one at a time and showing they are committed to doing the people’s work as legislators.

The crumbling infrastructure? Well, we saw how long it took for them to come up with some dollars to address that problem.

But the long, drawn-out effort to put information in the hands of the public in a timely manner, free of outrageous and often fabricated costs designed to intimidate the public and that would create a simple and cost-effective judicial mediation system that would resolve FOIA disputes? That fell flat on its face Thursday as the session came to a close.

Just when it appeared some light would shine on creating open government in March when a bill was attached to the Senate’s calendar along came Sen. Margie Bright Matthews, ostensibly speaking in defense of small municipalities in her coastal constituency that she claimed would be hampered by a law requiring them to acknowledge a FOIA request within 10 business days instead of the current 15-day time frame.

She said governments would all but come to a halt as

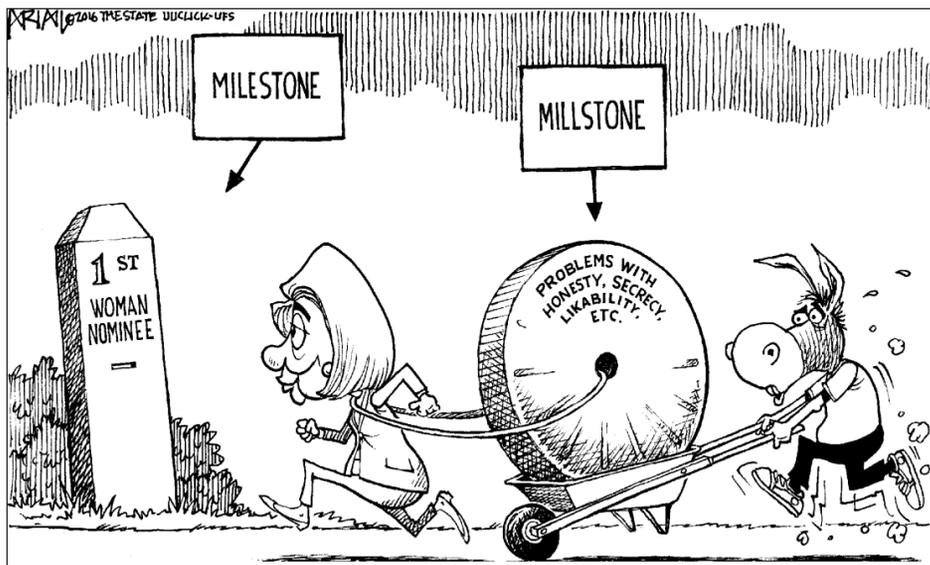
small staffs would be tied up with researching and providing information requested by the public, and that governments should not be limited on how much they can charge the public for information it is due. And in truth, the proposed legislation provided plenty of leeway to get information collected, affording governments more time to retrieve years-old information and documents.

A neat little Senate maneuver, however, would have cleared the way for the Senate to take action and bypass Bright Matthew’s roadblock. But senators refused to go along with a House version of the legislation because they had no opportunity to debate that version before Columbia closed up shop for the legislative season at 5 p.m. Thursday and then return later in the month to tackle vetoes and other matters in a special session.

So what do you do? Do you just shrug your shoulders and go about your summers enjoying the vacations and the like? Sure, you should do that, but you should also make it a hotter summer for the lawmakers who represent you by letting them know you’re none too happy they are treating you as a second-class citizen who does not deserve quick, cost-effective access to information that, frankly, should not even require a Freedom of Information Act to relinquish in the first place.

Remind them they work for you, not themselves. Remind them it is your tax dollars that pay their salaries and cover the costs of doing government. And tell them you want — no, you demand — that they do what is right to provide open and transparent government from the Statehouse all the way down to the local law enforcement office, town council, county council and school board.

Maybe residents should extend to lawmakers the same salute they just got this week.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### CAST A BALLOT TO RE-ELECT CAMPBELL

I have known Jamie Campbell for about 20 years and found him honest, law-abiding, dedicated to serving the entire Sumter community and always willing to help people. Re-elect a clerk of court who does his job and who represents our county with dignity. Let’s turn out and vote for him in the Democratic Primary on June 14. Together let’s go to the polls and cast a ballot to re-elect Jamie Campbell.

APRIL H. NEWMAN  
Alcolu

#### CLINTONS MAKE TOO MUCH OFF TAXPAYERS

Hillary Rodham Clinton, as a former New York State Senator comes under this fancy “congressional retirement staffing plan,” which means that if she never gets re-elected, she still receives her Congressional salary until she dies. If Bill out-lives her, he then inherits her salary until he dies. He is already getting his Presidential salary (\$20,000 a month) until he dies. If Hillary out-lives Bill, she also gets his salary until she dies. Guess who pays for that? We do.

Clinton’s 20-acre, \$11 million mansion is common knowledge. For her to establish New York residency, they purchased this mansion in upscale Chappaqua, New York. Makes sense. They are entitled to Secret Service protection for life. Still makes sense. Here is where it becomes interesting.

Their mortgage payments are about \$10,000 per month. But an extra residence had to be built by the government on the acreage to house the Secret Service agents. Any improvement to the property is owned by the property owners, the Clintons. So the Clinton’s charge the federal government \$10,000 monthly rent for the use of the extra residence to house the Secret Service staff which is just about equal to their mortgage payment. He is the only ex-president to use this loophole, thus earning the name ‘Slick Willie’.

This means that we, the taxpayers, pay the Clintons’ salaries, mortgage, transportation, safety and security as

well as the salaries for their 12-man staff, and it is all perfectly legal.

And don’t forget his Governor’s pension and her Secretary of State pension.

PAUL HERRMANN  
Sumter

#### SANDERS SUPPORTS CAMPBELL FOR CLERK

As a former chairwoman of Sumter County Council, I have worked with Jamie Campbell, our Clerk of Court, and can attest firsthand to his fairness, honest work ethic and desire to be of service to the county.

Jamie was one of the first in the state of South Carolina to work with the state Supreme Court to implement and go online with advanced technology. He is also the past vice president and the former president of the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds Association for the state of South Carolina.

Furthermore, Jamie is accessible and has a willingness to meet with people always with a warm personality. He has developed a strong working staff that is effective and efficient. He has a record of accomplishments and is involved in the Sumter community. He is active in his church, served as vice chairman of Habitat for Humanity and as past president of Rotary Club.

These are some of the reasons I support Jamie Campbell as clerk of court. Please vote for him on June 14 in the Democratic Primary. I am.

NAOMI SANDERS  
Rembert

#### READER SHOCKED TO LEARN OF TREE DAMAGE

I have been a lifelong resident of Sumter County. Sumter has a beauty, charm and a certain friendliness that makes this city so special. We also have the distinct honor of being a “Tree City,” which means we are a tree planting and tree caring community, nationally recognized by The Arbor Day Foundation for U.S. cities which meet the criteria.

You can imagine my dismay when I read in *The Sumter Item* that Kevin Johnson, who is running for clerk of court, had been arrested and indicted for caus-

ing over \$40,000 damage to our historic trees in Memorial Park by poisoning, cutting and boring holes in many of the trees that bordered his property. Even after his arrest, he had the audacity to file to run as clerk of court with pending criminal charges.

Memorial Park was established in 1921 to honor our fallen soldiers. It is appalling that someone who has pending criminal charges for causing damage to this city would even entertain the idea of running for public office. I ask all concerned citizens of Sumter to join me at the polls on June 14 and vote in the Democratic Primary to re-elect Jamie Campbell. As proud Sumter residents, we should not tolerate these actions, nor should we have someone of his lack of judgment representing our city.

LAINE JACKSON  
Sumter

#### PARENTS PROUD OF CAMPBELL, URGE VOTE

Our son, Jamie Campbell, who is running for re-election as Sumter County Clerk of Court, is certainly the young man we wanted him to be. He is a loving father to his two sons; he and his wife, Denise, have been public service role models for them. All are active in their church and community.

Jamie has a servant’s heart, as seen in his daily life and in his vocation. According to reports, he does his job well and effectively. We are proud of his willingness to serve the people of Sumter County and to do it in a forthright manner. He holds a BBA and MS degrees, has 12 years of honorable experience as clerk, and represents our county on a number of state boards and committees. His leadership and experience are significant factors in his success. We hold that no opponent in this race has the same attributes.

We ask that our friends and acquaintances who desire to have an open, transparent and well run clerk’s office to vote for Jamie in the Democratic Primary on June 14. This election is important to Sumter County.

JIM AND JUANITA  
CAMPBELL  
Sumter

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FYI

**Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers** to help make wishes come true for children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Preregistration is required. Contact Brennan Brown at [bbrown@sc.wish.org](mailto:bbrown@sc.wish.org) or (864) 250-0702 extension 112 to register for the webinar or begin the application process.

**Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers** in Sumter and surrounding counties. Opportunities available for you to use your time and talents to be of assistance include reading, musical talents, companionship, light housekeeping, etc. Contact Joyce Blanding at (803) 883-5606 or [hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com](mailto:hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com).

**Agape Hospice is in need of volunteers.** Whether your passion is baking, knitting, reading, singing, etc., Agape Hospice can find a place for you. Contact Thandi Blanding at (803) 774-1075, (803) 260-3876 or [tblanding@agapenior.com](mailto:tblanding@agapenior.com).

**Hospice Care of South Carolina is in need of volunteers** in Sumter County. Do you have one extra hour a week? Opportunities are available for patient/family companionship, administrative support, meal preparation, light household projects, student education and various other tasks. Contact Whitney Rogers, regional volunteer coordinator, at (843) 409-7991 or [whitney.rogers@hospicecare.net](mailto:whitney.rogers@hospicecare.net).

**Amedisys Hospice is in need of volunteers.** Volunteer opportunities include: 1) special projects of baking, sewing, knitting, crafts, carpentry and yard work; 2) administrative/office duties of copying, light filing and answering phones; and 3) patient companionship — develop one-on-one relationships with hospice patients (training provided free of charge). Contact Rhonda Keefe, volunteer coordinator, at (803) 469-3047 or [rhonda.keefe@amedisys.com](mailto:rhonda.keefe@amedisys.com).

**Hospice Care of Tri-County is in need of volunteers.** Volunteers offer support, companionship and care to the caregiver by running errands, reading to patients, listening and just being there for patients who need companionship. All you need is a willing heart

and some time to give to others. No medical background is required. Hospice Care of Tri-County will provide you with the tools you need to become a hospice volunteer. Call Carol Tindal at (803) 905-7720.

**ROAD to RECOVERY is in need of volunteers** in the Sumter area. The program provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments. Call the American Cancer Society at (803) 750-1693.

**The Sumter James R. Clark Sickle Cell Memorial Foundation**, 337 Manning Ave., offers free Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait screenings to the Sumter and Clarendon communities. Call (803) 774-6181.

**The DAV will have trained volunteers to assist all veterans in filing claims with the VA** from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Fridays at the VA Clinic, 407 N. Salem St. Call Elizabeth West at (803) 499-1003.

**Having cancer is hard. Finding help shouldn't be.** Free help for cancer patients from the American Cancer Society. Transportation to treatment, help for appearance related side effects of treatment, nutrition help, one-on-one breast cancer support, free housing away from home during treatment, help finding clinical trials, someone to talk to — all free. Call (800) 227-2345.

**The Rembert Area Community Coalition (RACC) offers a senior citizens program** 10 a.m.-noon each Monday and Wednesday at 6785 Bradley St. (behind community car wash), Rembert, SC 29128. Transportation is available. Call (803) 432-2001.

**Are you a breast cancer survivor?** Maggie L. Richardson is seeking other survivors to form a music group and give back to the community. If you are interested in joining, contact her at [mlr-ministry2012@gmail.com](mailto:mlr-ministry2012@gmail.com) or (803) 236-9086.

**The Second (Indianhead) Division Association** is searching for anyone / everyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division. Visit [www.2ida.org](http://www.2ida.org) or contact Mike Davino at [MDavino@yahoo.com](mailto:MDavino@yahoo.com) or (919) 498-1910.

**The Rise and Shine Call Program, sponsored by LifeLine Senior Services Inc.,** is a free service that provides a daily "reassurance" call to older adults who live alone in the community. Call (803) 774-7414 for details or to sign up.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>85°</b>	<b>65°</b>	<b>90° / 70°</b>	<b>93° / 74°</b>	<b>97° / 73°</b>	<b>91° / 71°</b>
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 5%
<b>ENE 4-8 mph</b>	<b>VAR 3-6 mph</b>	<b>W 3-6 mph</b>	<b>SW 6-12 mph</b>	<b>W 6-12 mph</b>	<b>W 6-12 mph</b>

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

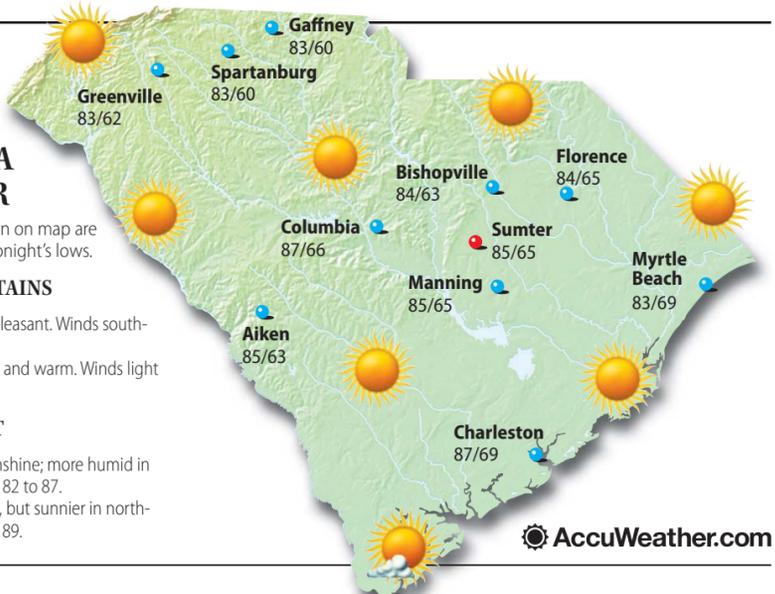
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Sunny and pleasant. Winds south-southeast 4-8 mph.  
**Friday:** Partly sunny and warm. Winds light and variable.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** Plenty of sunshine; more humid in southern parts. High 82 to 87.  
**Friday:** Partly sunny, but sunnier in northern parts. High 85 to 89.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	85°
Low	65°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	64°
Record high	99° in 2008
Record low	52° in 1977
Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	1.84"
Normal month to date	1.36"
Year to date	23.27"
Last year to date	20.19"
Normal year to date	19.11"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.48	+0.02
Marion	76.8	75.54	-0.03
Moultrie	75.5	75.16	-0.04
Wateree	100	97.65	-0.14

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:10 a.m.	Sunset	8:32 p.m.
Moonrise	10:51 a.m.	Moonset	none
<b>First</b>		<b>Last</b>	
June 12		June 27	
<b>Full</b>		<b>New</b>	
June 20		July 4	

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.96	+0.70
Congaree River	19	3.93	-0.07
Lynches River	14	7.58	-0.12
Saluda River	14	3.80	+0.64
Up. Santee River	80	77.52	+0.21
Wateree River	24	10.68	-0.39

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:55 a.m.	3.4	8:00 a.m.	-0.1
	1:34 p.m.	2.8	8:07 p.m.	0.1
Fri.	1:45 a.m.	3.2	8:50 a.m.	0.1
	2:27 p.m.	2.8	9:01 p.m.	0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	87/68/s	93/71/s
Chicago	79/64/t	91/72/t
Dallas	92/73/s	93/74/pc
Detroit	75/59/s	80/66/pc
Houston	88/71/s	88/71/t
Los Angeles	78/62/pc	76/61/pc
New Orleans	92/75/s	90/77/t
New York	73/57/s	77/60/s
Orlando	88/73/t	90/72/t
Philadelphia	76/57/s	78/58/s
Phoenix	105/83/pc	102/82/pc
San Francisco	68/55/pc	68/53/pc
Wash., DC	80/60/s	79/65/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	81/55/s	87/61/pc	Florence	84/65/s	91/71/s
Athens	88/64/s	94/69/s	Gainesville	92/71/s	91/69/s
Augusta	87/63/s	92/67/s	Gastonia	83/58/s	90/64/pc
Beaufort	87/71/s	89/72/s	Goldsboro	82/62/s	87/70/pc
Cape Hatteras	78/68/s	79/69/pc	Goose Creek	86/67/s	90/70/s
Charleston	87/69/s	91/72/s	Greensboro	82/59/s	88/68/pc
Charlotte	82/61/s	89/69/pc	Greenville	83/62/s	91/69/pc
Clemson	85/63/s	93/68/pc	Hickory	81/58/s	88/65/pc
Columbia	87/66/s	94/72/s	Hilton Head	85/70/s	88/74/pc
Darlington	85/63/s	90/69/s	Jacksonville, FL	90/70/s	90/68/s
Elizabeth City	79/62/s	80/68/pc	La Grange	90/63/s	94/69/s
Elizabethtown	84/62/s	88/68/s	Macon	91/65/s	94/69/s
Fayetteville	83/63/s	90/71/pc	Marietta	85/64/s	92/69/s
			Marion	82/52/s	88/59/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	85/69/s	88/73/s
			Myrtle Beach	83/69/s	87/73/s
			Orangeburg	86/65/s	91/70/s
			Port Royal	86/72/s	88/72/pc
			Raleigh	82/60/s	87/68/pc
			Rock Hill	83/60/s	90/67/pc
			Rockingham	84/60/s	90/67/pc
			Savannah	87/70/pc	89/71/s
			Spartanburg	83/60/s	90/65/pc
			Summerville	87/66/s	90/70/s
			Wilmington	83/64/s	87/71/pc
			Winston-Salem	82/59/s	87/67/pc

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

**SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't forget to have some fun. Making

travel plans with someone special or socializing with friends will round out your day. Putting a little extra into your appearance and making personal changes are encouraged.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Listen to others, but don't let your emotions take over. Now is not the time to start a fight. Use your intelligence to plan events or to add to your roster of skills and knowledge. Make plans and proceed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): A unique approach to life will help you avoid boredom. Let your charm and ability to find solutions take over. The help you offer others will make an impact in your community and keep you from feeling too selfish.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Shake things up. You may not like change, but it will result in things that you will eventually be grateful for. Use your imagination and you will impress your friends and feel good about your achievements.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Familiar emotions will surface. Do your best to offer a concise depiction of the way you feel and why. Much can be accomplished if you can talk openly without getting angry. Being stubborn will not help you get what you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't feel you have to make a snap decision. You are best to take a wait-and-see approach to help you move forward. Don't feel obligated to deal with matters that don't really concern you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will attract attention if you make personal updates to your appearance. Your genuine approach to keeping the peace will put you in a good position to bring about the changes you feel will improve your community or personal situation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't share secrets or feelings with your colleagues. It's best to stay mysterious and keep others guessing. Let your uniqueness be your strength. Your courage to do your own thing will help put you in a key position.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay true to your plans. Refuse to let anyone twist your words or make you feel you have to bend to their agenda. Sticking to your strategy and following through with your actions will make a positive statement.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An unusual financial situation will unfold. Taking care of someone else's personal assets will lead to a unique opportunity. Changes at home will be in your best interests, but don't expect everyone to agree with your decisions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick close to home or take care of personal business. Getting involved in someone else's dilemma will lead to an argument or get you blamed for meddling. Focus on your own responsibilities instead. Romance should be a priority.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Put more muscle and energy into whatever you take on. It's your drive and passion that will draw others to lend a helping hand. Don't make personal changes based on poor information. Do your own research.

PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Donna Harris comments on her photo submission, "I think that the first spring sighting of ducklings at Swan Lake happens to be exciting! Swan Lake is a lovely gift to Sumter and it has brought my family much joy. These little fellows were cuddling with one another in the sun. Sweet!"

**HAVE YOU TAKEN PICTURES OF INTERESTING, EXCITING, BEAUTIFUL OR HISTORICAL PLACES?** Would you like to share those images with your fellow *Sumter Item* readers? E-mail your hi-resolution jpegs to [sandrah@theitem.com](mailto:sandrah@theitem.com), or mail to Sandra Holbert c/o *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29150. Include clearly printed or typed name of photographer and photo details. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your photo. Amateur photographers only please. Photos of poor reproduction quality may not publish. With the exception of pictures that are of a timely nature, submitted photos will publish in the order in which they are received.

## FOOTBALL



THE CITADEL

Mariel Cooper (20) is sponsoring a 7-on-7 football tournament on Saturday in Sumter.

## Honoring Destin's memory

### 7-on-7 football tournament looks to become annual event

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS  
justin@theitem.com

It was nearly this time a year ago when several hundred Sumter community members were gathered at Dillon Park to participate in an impromptu 7-on-7 football tournament.

The meaning behind the event was about something far more important than football, though.

The gathering was a spur-of-the-moment type of occasion and was put together on the heels of a tragic event – the sudden death of Sumter High School's Destin Wise, who passed away from injuries suffered in a car accident on June 14, 2015.

"His friends were able to put it together as a kind of memorial to him," said Wise's brother, Mariel Cooper. "It was just so beautiful to see so many people coming together for my baby brother and it really touched me."

It also touched Wise's father, Dennis.

"He told me afterwards that it would really make him happy if I could keep this going every year to honor my brother," Cooper said. "I was already thinking it."

Thought has now become reality. On Saturday at Sumter High School, Cooper – the former SHS and Citadel standout who recently signed a National Football League contract with the Washington Redskins – will host the first official "Do It Big" 7-on-7 "We Ball 4 Destin" flag football tournament in memory of his brother.

"Been planning it since November," Cooper said. "Just something I wanted to do to bring the community together for a positive reason and to honor Destin's memory."

The event will feature trophies given to the winning teams along with souvenirs to everyone in attendance. Wristbands and T-shirts will be given out and there will be free food and music, Cooper said.

He also hopes to add something extra-special beginning with next year's tournament.

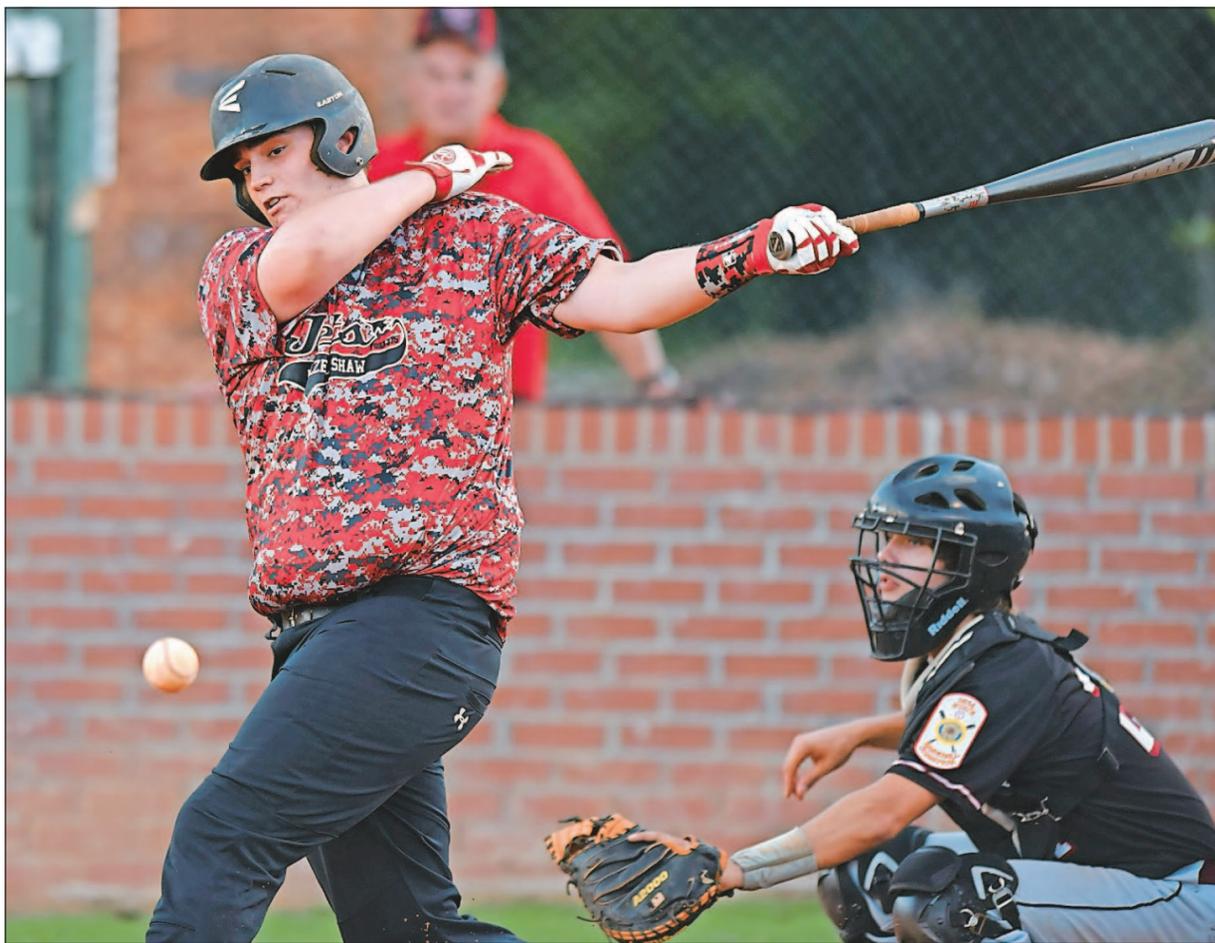
"Every year after this I plan to give out a scholarship in my

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## LEGION BASEBALL

# Feeling right at home

## Florence Post 1 pounces on Dalzell-Shaw early on way to 16-0, 5-inning triumph at General Field



RICK CARPENTER/THE SUMTER ITEM

Dalzell-Shaw Post 175's Colin Kremer lines a pitch down the third base line in the Jets' 16-0, 5-inning loss to Florence on Wednesday.

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

**DALZELL** — The Florence Post 1 American Legion baseball team felt right at home on Wednesday at Thomas Sumter Academy's General Field, scoring early and often while dispatching of Dalzell-Shaw 16-0 in five innings.

Post 1 put three runs on the board in the first, seven in the second and six in the third before head coach Derrick Urquhart went to his bench with a 16-0 lead that stood up through a few unsuccessful Jet rally attempts as Florence took the win in

five innings.

Post 1 batted around in each of the first three innings while building its big lead.

For Dalzell-Shaw head coach Gene Durant, it was an opportunity to get some playing time and at-bats for some of his reserves while playing against a team that has now recorded five consecutive shutouts, including a 10-0 win over League III leader Sumter on Friday. The Post 1 pitching staff has now combined to hurl 35 consecutive scoreless innings.

"My guys came out flat, but we played a very good team in Florence," said Du-

rant, whose team fell to 0-8 with the non-league loss. "In my estimation right now, Florence is the best team in the state of South Carolina. I haven't seen everybody play, but they are. They're a good group of guys. We scheduled the game mainly because I knew that our guys needed to learn some things and work on some things, so that's basically what we did tonight. I played everybody, I emptied the bench because I wanted these guys who had not had a chance to play get an opportunity to play."

Post 1 starter Austin Blakely retired the first five Dalzell-Shaw batters before

Josh Whitley laced a single up the middle. When Josh Barnett reached as an infield fly got away from Post 1 shortstop Austin Moore, it seemed a 2-out rally was in order for Post 175. However, with runners at the corners Jesse Lucas grounded back to the pitcher to close out the frame.

After going down in order in the third, Lennie Gonzalez opened the Jet fourth with a double to left-center. Malcolm Brown, who came on as a pinch runner, reached third as Alan Childers was thrown out at first on a

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# P-15's rally to beat Orangeburg 7-4

BY CHRIS CLARK  
Times and Democrat

**ORANGEBURG** — Wednesday night's American Legion baseball game at Mirmow Field was up for grabs until the ninth inning.

That's when the Sumter P-15's plated three runs on two hits and one Orangeburg Post 4 error to take a 7-4 win and the League III series.

Sumter won 9-5 in the series opener on Tuesday at Riley Park. Game 3 of the series will be today at 7 p.m. at Mirmow Field.

The P15's are now 10-1 overall, 8-0 in league play, while Post 4 is now 4-2 overall, 3-2 in league play.

The bottom of the Sumter lineup hadn't scored through eight innings on



CHRIS HUFF / TIMES AND DEMOCRAT

Orangeburg Post 4's Robert Lewis (4) slides safely into home on a passed ball while Sumter pitcher Caleb Larrimore (6) waits on the throw in the first inning of the P-15's 7-4 win on Wednesday at Mirmow Field in Orangeburg.

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## AUTO RACING

# Williams gets second straight Extreme 4 division victory

BY CODY TRUETT  
Special to The Sumter Item

Garrett Williams picked up his second straight victory in the Extreme 4 division to highlight the racing action at Sumter Speedway on Saturday.

Williams started the race from the front row and shot into the lead as the green flag

flew. As the feature stayed green, Williams began to open up a lead over the rest of the field. Williams dominated the remainder of the race, picking up the win with Chelsea L'Huillier second, John Ledwell third and Jay Kyle fourth.

Adam Hill continued his dominance of the Stock V8 di-

vision, picking up his seventh straight win. Jody Truett looked to have things under control as he led the first half of the race, opening up nearly a straightway lead over the rest of the field. However, a caution would bunch the field up for a restart and Hill found himself on the outside of Truett on the restart. Truett and

Hill raced side by side for the lead through turns 1 and 2 and down the back stretch. Hill gained the advantage and took over the lead through turns 3 and 4, holding off Truett for the win.

Truett settled for second with Greg Anderson third, Cody Truett fourth and Everett Parker fifth. Marty Horne

was sixth and Anthony Nelson was seventh.

Banjo Duke led flag to flag to pick up another Crate Late Model victory. Wesley Cadwalader came home second with Hank Taylor third and Larry Morse fourth.

Tim Perry appeared to be

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NFL FOOTBALL



ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington cornerback Josh Norman is trying to validate his big contract after leaving the Carolina Panthers to sign with the Redskins.

# Norman working to validate Redskins' belief in him

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va.— Josh Norman didn't need another reminder of his Super Bowl loss. Then new teammate David Bruton Jr. returned to the Washington Redskins' facility.

Bruton missed Monday's workout because he was at the White House with his former Denver Broncos teammates being honored by President Obama.

"I was like: 'Gosh you suck. You really suck,'" said Norman, who started every game last season for the NFC champion Carolina Panthers. "It brought me back to that time. ... It was cool that he got that experience. At least one of us did."

Norman has moved on to life with the Redskins after the Panthers removed the franchise tag in April, making him a free agent. Washington was the first team to get him in for a visit and signed him to a \$75 million, five-year contract two days later.

After celebrating the deal with family members and Redskins coaches, Norman was ready to fly home at 10:30 on Friday night, April 22. Before he left, defensive coordinator Joe Barry asked the All-Pro cornerback when he'd be back.

"He was like: 'What are

you talking about? I'll be back Sunday night and I'll be in the building 8 o'clock Monday morning to work,'" Barry recalled. "That to me said a lot. He wasn't one of those guys that said, 'Hey, I'll get there when OTAs start.' He was literally there 48 hours later and in the building at 8 o'clock in the morning with his new teammates."

Norman has been in work mode ever since, seeking to validate the Redskins' belief in him. Organized team activities have given him the chance to work alongside Bruton and DeAngelo Hall and against Kirk Cousins, Pierre Garcon and, briefly, DeSean Jackson.

"We know we're going to make each other better," Norman said. "Just got to keep challenging them, and they'll keep challenging us."

Jackson was absent from the final OTA session Wednesday after practicing Monday and Tuesday. Coach Jay Gruden expects Jackson to be on the field for mandatory minicamp next week.

"I was like, 'Dang, this guy,'" Norman said of Jackson. "I called him up and he didn't answer my phone call. It's cool though. To each his own. I doesn't want to be here he (doesn't have) to be here. It's voluntary. That competition's only going to make you better."

Just don't tell Norman that the Panthers' pass rush made him look better than he actually is. Carolina's defense had Kawann Short, Mario Addison, Kony Ealy and Thomas Davis getting to the quarterback, but Norman wants to prove he can be just as effective with the Redskins.

"I'm so excited to be here because it's not that I came from a defensive line that made me who I am," Norman said last week. "I am because I am the guy that you see on the field each and every week trying to be best and trying to be better in my craft."

From the night they first met with him, Redskins' coaches expected Norman to be a hard-working player. Gruden watched plenty of film of Norman but has been most impressed by the 28-year-old's work ethic.

"He's got the skill-set, he's already proven that,"

Gruden said. "You know about his game-day ability, but what you don't know about is how he is with the other players in the meeting room and on the practice field. So far everything's been outstanding, and I've been thrilled to see him work when the ball is not on his side and he's in the meeting rooms and all that. He's been a pleasure to be around and he's going to help us out a lot, no question."

SPORTS ITEMS

# Sharapova draws 2-year suspension

PARIS — Maria Sharapova was suspended Wednesday for failing a drug test, labeled "the sole author of her own misfortune" because she hid regular pre-match use of a newly banned substance from anti-doping authorities and members of her own entourage.

The tennis star said she would appeal what she called "an unfairly harsh" punishment to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The ban, handed down by a three-person Tennis Anti-Doping Program tribunal appointed by the International Tennis Federation, is backdated to Jan. 26, when Sharapova last played. She tested positive for meldonium that day after losing to Serena Williams in the Australian Open quarterfinals. The panel said various elements of Sharapova's case "inevitably lead to the conclusion" that she took the substance "for the purpose of enhancing her performance."

Sharapova, who faced up to a four-year suspension, loses all ranking points and prize money she earned in Melbourne.

More significantly, if her suspension withstands an appeal and runs through Jan. 25, 2018, the 29-year-old Russian will wind up missing this year's Rio de Janeiro

ro Olympics and a total of eight Grand Slam tournaments during what might have been prime competitive years.

### EXAGGERATOR FAVORITE IN BELMONT STAKES

NEW YORK — The post position worked out well for Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux, leaving him hopeful for a clear path to sweep to victory aboard Exaggerator in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

Exaggerator, the Preakness winner, drew an outside No. 11 post in a 13-horse field on Wednesday and was made the 9-5 morning-line favorite for the final leg of the Triple Crown, a 1 1/2-mile lap around cavernous Belmont Park.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful position," Desormeaux said. "I can't see any horse that would cross over on him. I'd like to establish position preferably without him getting a grain of sand in his face."

With no Triple Crown on the line and Nyquist sitting out the Belmont after recently recovering from a fever, there's little buzz surrounding the race. That doesn't bother Desormeaux, or his brother, Keith, Exaggerator's trainer.

Challengers are lined up,

with four trainers have two horses each in the field: Todd Pletcher, Dale Romans, Steve Asmussen and Dallas Stewart.

Pletcher could be the most formidable foe with 5-1 second choice Stradivari and 6-1 third-choice Destin. Romans will send out Preakness runner-up Cherry Wine (8-1) and Derby also-ran Brody's Cause (20-1), winner of the Blue Grass Stakes.

### CREW CHIEF JOHNSTON SUSPENDED OVER LUG NUTS

CHARLOTTE — Chad Johnston became the fourth crew chief suspended this season by NASCAR over loose lug nuts on a car during a Sprint Cup race.

Kyle Larson's crew chief was also fined \$20,000 for the infraction at Pocono earlier this week and will miss Sunday's race at Michigan.

NASCAR began checking cars for properly affixed lug nuts last month after Tony Stewart suggested there was lax enforcement of what he deemed to be a safety issue. Since NASCAR reduced officials on pit road, the sanctioning body no longer ensured teams had the maximum amount of lug nuts (five per tire) as drivers left pit road.

Wire reports

# SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA tour Lyonesse Open First Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).  
**9 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA tour Lyonesse Open First Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).  
**10:30 a.m.** — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Rust-Oleum Championship First Round from Ivanhoe, Ill. (GOLF).  
**12:30 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: Champions Tour Senior Players Championship First Round from Flourtown, Pa. (GOLF).  
**2 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Houston at Texas (MLB NETWORK).  
**3:30 p.m.** — PGA Golf: St. Jude Classic First Round from Memphis, Tenn. (GOLF).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WPUB-FM 102.7, WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — American Legion Baseball: Sumter at Orangeburg (WVHM-FM 92.3, WVHM-FM 93.3, WVHM-AM 1290).  
**7 p.m.** — LPGA Golf: Women's PGA Championship First Round from Sammamish, Wash. (GOLF).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Major League Baseball Draft First Round from Secaucus, N.J. (MLB NETWORK).  
**7:30 p.m.** — College Track and Field: NCAA Women's Outdoor Championships from Eugene, Ore. (ESPN).  
**7:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: Copa America Centenario Opening Group Stage Match from Philadelphia — Uruguay vs. Venezuela (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**8 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Championship Series Game Five — San Jose at Pittsburgh (WIS 10).  
**8 p.m.** — College Track and Field: NCAA Women's Outdoor Championships from Eugene, Ore. (ESPN).  
**10 p.m.** — International Soccer: Copa America Centenario Opening Group Stage Match from Pasadena, Calif. — Mexico vs. Jamaica (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA tour Lyonesse Open Second Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).

## MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	34	23	.596	—
Boston	34	24	.586	½
Toronto	32	29	.525	4
New York	28	30	.483	6½
Tampa Bay	27	31	.466	7½

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	25	.561	—
Kansas City	30	28	.517	2½
Detroit	30	29	.508	3
Chicago	29	29	.500	3½
Minnesota	17	40	.298	15

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	36	22	.621	—
Seattle	32	26	.552	4
Houston	28	32	.467	9
Los Angeles	26	32	.448	10
Oakland	25	33	.431	11

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore 9, Kansas City 1  
 N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Angels 3  
 Detroit 3, Toronto 2, 10 innings  
 Texas 4, Houston 3  
 Washington 10, Chicago White Sox 5  
 Milwaukee 5, Oakland 4  
 Minnesota 6, Miami 4, 11 innings  
 Arizona 5, Tampa Bay 0  
 Seattle 7, Cleveland 1  
 Boston 5, San Francisco 3, 10 innings

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Toronto 7, Detroit 2  
 Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3  
 Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
 Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
 Miami at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
 Oakland at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 Washington at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.  
 Boston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Houston (McHugh 5-4) at Texas (Perez 4-4), 2:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Chacin 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 4-3), 7:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Wilson 2-5) at Toronto (Stroman 5-2), 7:07 p.m.  
 Miami (Koehler 3-6) at Minnesota (Santana 1-5), 8:10 p.m.  
 Washington (Gonzalez 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 0-1), 8:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Tomlin 8-1) at Seattle (Karns 5-2), 10:10 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 Houston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 Oakland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 Boston at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.  
 Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	23	.603	—
New York	31	26	.544	3½
Miami	30	28	.517	5
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	6½
Atlanta	17	42	.288	18½

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	17	.707	—
Pittsburgh	32	26	.552	9
St. Louis	30	28	.517	11
Milwaukee	27	31	.466	14
Cincinnati	22	36	.379	19

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	35	25	.583	—
Los Angeles	32	28	.533	3
Colorado	26	32	.448	8
Arizona	26	36	.419	10
San Diego	25	36	.410	10½

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game  
 Philadelphia 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
 Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 6  
 Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 2nd game  
 Washington 10, Chicago White Sox 5  
 Milwaukee 5, Oakland 4  
 Minnesota 6, Miami 4, 11 innings  
 Arizona 5, Tampa Bay 0  
 L.A. Dodgers 4, Colorado 3  
 San Diego 4, Atlanta 3  
 Boston 5, San Francisco 3, 10 innings

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs 8, Philadelphia 1  
 Atlanta 4, San Diego 2  
 Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3  
 N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 Miami at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
 Oakland at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 Washington at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.  
 Boston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh (Locke 5-3) at Colorado (Bettis 4-5), 5:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Wainwright 5-4) at Cincinnati (Finnegan 2-4), 7:10 p.m.  
 Miami (Koehler 3-6) at Minnesota (Santana 1-5), 8:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Colon 4-3) at Milwaukee (Nelson 5-4), 8:10 p.m.  
 Washington (Gonzalez 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 0-1), 8:10 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
 Miami at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## NBA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

By The Associated Press

### FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
**Golden State 2, Cleveland 0**  
 June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89  
 June 5: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77  
 June 8: at Cleveland, 9 p.m.  
 June 10: at Cleveland, 9 p.m.  
 x-June 13: at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
 x-June 16: at Cleveland, 9 p.m.  
 x-June 19: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

## NHL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

By The Associated Press

### STANLEY CUP FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
**Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1**  
 May 30: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 2  
 June 1: Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 1, OT  
 June 4: San Jose 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT  
 June 6: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1  
 June 9: at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.  
 x-June 12: at San Jose, 8 p.m.  
 x-June 15: at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

## WNBA

By The Associated Press

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	6	2	.750	—
Chicago	4	4	.500	2
Indiana	4	4	.500	2
New York	4	4	.500	2
Washington	3	6	.333	3½
Connecticut	1	7	.125	5

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	8	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	8	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	4	.429	4½
Seattle	3	5	.375	5
Phoenix	2	6	.250	6
San Antonio	1	5	.167	6

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota 89, Phoenix 81  
 New York 77, Los Angeles 100

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Seattle at Connecticut, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

## SOCCER

### 2016 U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT  
 (Won 7, Lost 2)  
 Sunday, Jan. 31 — United States 3, Iceland 2  
 Friday, Feb. 5 — United States 1, Canada 0  
 q-Friday, March 25 — Guatemala 2, United States 0  
 q-Tuesday, March 29 — United States 4, Guatemala 0  
 Sunday, May 22 — United States 3, Puerto Rico 1  
 Wednesday, May 25 — United States 1, Ecuador 0  
 Saturday, May 28 — United States 4, Bolivia 0  
 a-Friday, June 3 — Colombia 2, United States 0  
 a-Tuesday, June 7 — United States 4, Costa Rica 0  
 a-Saturday, June 11 — vs. Paraguay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 q-Friday, Sept. 2 — at St. Vincent and the Grenadines  
 q-Tuesday, Sept. 6 — vs. Trinidad and Tobago at Jacksonville, Fla.  
 a-Copa America  
 q-World Cup qualifier

## TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
**BOSTON RED SOX** — Transferred RHP Carson Smith to the 60-day DL.  
**DETROIT TIGERS** — Traded RHP Jose Valdez to the L.A. Angels for cash.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Optioned C Tony Cruz to Omaha (PCL). Recalled INF Christian Colon from Omaha.  
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Designated LHP Chris Jones for assignment.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Sent LHP Liam Hendriks to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**NEW YORK METS** — Traded RHP Akeel Morris to Atlanta for INF/OF Kelly Johnson and cash.  
**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Assigned OF David Lough outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Agreed to terms with 2B Steve Lombardozzi on a minor league contract.  
 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
**GARY SOUTHWEST SHORE RAILCATS** — Signed RHP AJ Quintero.  
**LAREDO LEMURS** — Signed INF Juan Silverio.  
**LINCOLN SALTDogs** — Released RHP Taylor Elman.  
**SIoux CITY EXPLORERS** — Released RHPs Grant Hamilton and Michael Pereslucha.  
**WICHITA WINGNUTS** — Signed RHPs Martin Medina and Charles Nading.  
**WINNIPEG GOLDEYES** — Claimed LHP Bennett Parry off waivers.

### CAN-AM LEAGUE

**NEW JERSEY JACKALS** — Signed RHP Justin Brantly.  
**ROCKLAND BOULDERS** — Signed OF Brendan Webb. Released C Tyler Clark.  
**SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS** — Signed 1B Franklin Jacobs and RHP J.B. Kole.

### HOCKEY

Southern Professional Hockey League  
**PEORIA RIVERMEN** — Signed C Jake Hauswirth to a professional tryout agreement.

### SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER  
**NEW YORK RED BULLS** — Loaned Fs Gonzalo Veron and Shaun Wright-Phillips to Red Bulls II (USL).

### TENNIS

ITF — Suspended Maria Sharapova two years for testing positive for meldonium at the Australian Open.

### COLLEGE

**CUMBERLAND (TENN.)** — Named Hannah Vadakin assistant volleyball coach.  
**FORDHAM** — Named Ali Ton men's assistant basketball coach.  
**INDIANA** — Named Glenn Box women's assistant basketball coach.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

# Oklahoma wins third national softball title

BY CLIFF BRUNT  
The Associated press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Paige Parker pitched a complete game to help Oklahoma defeat Auburn 2-1 on Wednesday night for its third national softball title.

Parker put the Tigers down in order in the seventh to improve to 5-0 at the Women's College World Series.

Auburn's Emily Carosone, the star of Tuesday's comeback win with a grand slam in the bottom of the eighth, couldn't follow it up.

In the bottom of the first, she committed an error on a grounder by Shay Knighten, and Caleigh Clifton scored for the Sooners (57-8) when Carosone lost control of a throw to first. Knighten then scored on a slow-bouncing infield single by Fale Aviu to make it 2-0.

Auburn (58-12) loaded the bases with no outs in the third, but Parker struck out Carosone, then the Sooners turned a double play to get out of the inning unscathed.

Jade Rhodes' solo shot in the top of the fourth made it 2-1, but Parker regained control.

Oklahoma won its first two titles in 2000 and 2013. The Southeastern Conference had won three of the previ-



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Oklahoma players kiss the trophy after winning the NCAA softball College World Series on Wednesday in Oklahoma City.

ous four, with Oklahoma interrupting.

Oklahoma coach Patty Gasso was questioned about the decision to rest Parker during Game 2, when Auburn rallied from an early 7-0 deficit to beat the Sooners 11-7 in eight innings. Parker was the winner in Game 1, a 3-2 decision, and Gasso felt it would have been unfair to Parker to start her on Tuesday.

Parker came back refreshed. She threw 107 pitches, struck out five and walked one.

Auburn, which was seeking its first national title, snapped Oklahoma's 31-game win streak on Tuesday to force Game 3.



RICK CARPENTER/THE SUMTER ITEM  
Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 pitcher Josh Whitley delivers a pitch in the Jets' 16-0, 5-inning loss to Florence on Wednesday at General Field in Dalzell.

## DALZELL

FROM PAGE B1

passed ball third strike. Once again, a comebacker to the pitcher, this time by Michael Stiles, ended a scoring threat for Dalzell-Shaw.

Gonzalez was the first of four Dalzell-Shaw pitchers to take the mound for Post 1, going 1 1/3 innings while being tagged with Florence's first eight runs. Others to take the mound for Post 175 included Josh Whitley, who closed out the second, Dustin Bartlette, who lasted 1 2/3 in-

nings, and Lucas, who pitched the final 1 1/3 innings.

"I pitched four different pitchers, so it was just basically another learning experience for us tonight," Durant said. "We expected a base-hitting team and just a total all-around, well-rounded team, and Derick is known for having that type of team. I knew the caliber of team we were going to play. We played them in preseason and it wasn't a whole lot different when we played them then. He's just really got a good thing going over there."

Austin Moore went deep twice for Florence, connect-

ing for a 3-run shot with two outs in the second and adding a solo shot with two outs in the third to account for Post 1's final run of the night.

Florence leadoff batter Zay Paul finished the game 3-for-5 with two doubles and a triple, stealing home in the second on a double steal for one of his two runs scored. Justin Thompson singled and walked twice, scoring all three times he got on base, with every Florence starter scoring at least one run and six scoring at least twice.

The Jets return to league play tonight with a 7 p.m. game in Camden.

### AMERICAN LEGION STANDINGS

OVERALL LEAGUE

Sumter	9	1	.900	7	0	1.000	—
Orangeburg	4	1	.800	3	1	.750	2 1/2
Camden	2	1	.667	1	1	.667	3
Manning	1	4	.200	1	4	.200	5
Dalzell	0	7	.000	0	7	.000	7

SENIOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Sumter 9, Orangeburg 5  
Camden 13, Dalzell-Shaw 3

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Sumter at Orangeburg  
Florence at Dalzell-Shaw

TODAY'S GAMES

Sumter at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.  
Dalzell-Shaw at Camden, 7 p.m.

JUNIOR SCHEDULE

TODAY'S GAMES

Camden at Sumter, 7 p.m.  
S. Florence at Manning-Santee, 6:30 p.m.  
Bishopville at West Florence, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Hartsville at Sumter, 7 p.m.

### AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

## Junior P-15s roll over Camden

Staff reports

Camden today at 7 p.m.

CAMDEN — The Sumter Junior P-15's American Legion baseball team pounded out 15 hits as it defeated Camden 12-2 in five innings on Tuesday at American Legion Park.

Joey Perreria led Sumter with three hits. Cory Blackley and Tucker Chapman had two hits apiece.

Josh Sykes went the distance on the mound for the Junior P-15's. He allowed just three hits while striking out seven.

Sumter plays host to

Senior

Camden 13  
Dalzell-Shaw 3

DALZELL — Camden Post 17 defeated Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 13-3 in eight innings on Tuesday at General Field.

Camden put the game away by scoring four runs in both the seventh and eighth innings.

Cam Holley was 2-for-3 for Post 17 and Josh Hernandez hit a solo home run.

## SUMTER

FROM PAGE B1

Wednesday. Then the seventh (Rylan Williamson), eighth (Tradd James) and ninth (Ryan Moore) batters all scored in the final at-bat. Williamson reached on a fielder's choice and was followed by a single from James. Then, a fielding error allowed Williamson to score from second, before a single into left field from Caleb Larrimore plated James and Moore.

James picked up the win on the mound, pitching the final 4 2/3 innings, allowing just one hit against a whopping 12 strikeouts among the 17 batters he faced.

Post 4 struck first, loading the bases in the first inning, before Robert Lewis scored on a passed ball.

Lewis would later get shouldered with the loss, coming in to pitch the ninth inning, giving up the two hits and releasing one wild pick-off attempt along with three wild pitches.

Sumter struck back on the scoreboard in the third, get-



CHRIS HUFF / TIMES AND DEMOCRAT  
Sumter Post 15's Caleb Larrimore pitches against Orangeburg Post 4 in the first inning of Wednesday's game at Mirmow Field.

ting two runs on one hit and two Orangeburg errors. Brandon Spittle reached on a leadoff error, after which Jordan Holladay reached on a

walk. A passed ball and throwing error later, both runs were in safely. Post 4 got two more in the bottom of the third.

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## COLLEGE BASEBALL

## NCAA DIVISION I SUPER REGIONALS

Best-of-3; x-if necessary

Host school is Game 1 home team; visiting school is Game 2 home team; coin flip determines Game 3 home team

**At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field Coral Gables, Fla.**

Friday: Boston College (34-20) at Miami (48-11), 5 p.m.  
Saturday: Boston College vs. Miami, Noon  
x-Sunday: Boston College vs. Miami, Noon

**At Dudy Noble Field Starkville, Miss.**

Friday: Arizona (42-21) at Mississippi State (44-16-1), 6 p.m.  
Saturday: Arizona vs. Mississippi State, 6 p.m.  
x-Sunday: Arizona vs. Mississippi State, 6 p.m.

**At Rip Griffin Park Lubbock, Texas**

Friday: East Carolina (37-21-1) at Texas Tech (45-17), 8 p.m.  
Saturday: East Carolina vs. Texas Tech, 3 p.m.  
x-Sunday: East Carolina vs. Texas Tech, 3 p.m.

**At Olsen Field College Station, Texas**

Friday: TCU (45-15) at Texas A&M (48-14), 9 p.m.  
Saturday: TCU vs. Texas A&M, 9 p.m.  
x-Sunday: TCU vs. Texas A&M, 9 p.m.

**At Founders Park Columbia, S.C.**

Saturday: Oklahoma State (39-20) at South Carolina (46-16), 3 p.m.  
Sunday: Oklahoma State vs. South Carolina, 3 p.m.  
x-Monday: Oklahoma State vs. South Carolina, TBA

**At Jim Patterson Stadium Louisville, Ky.**

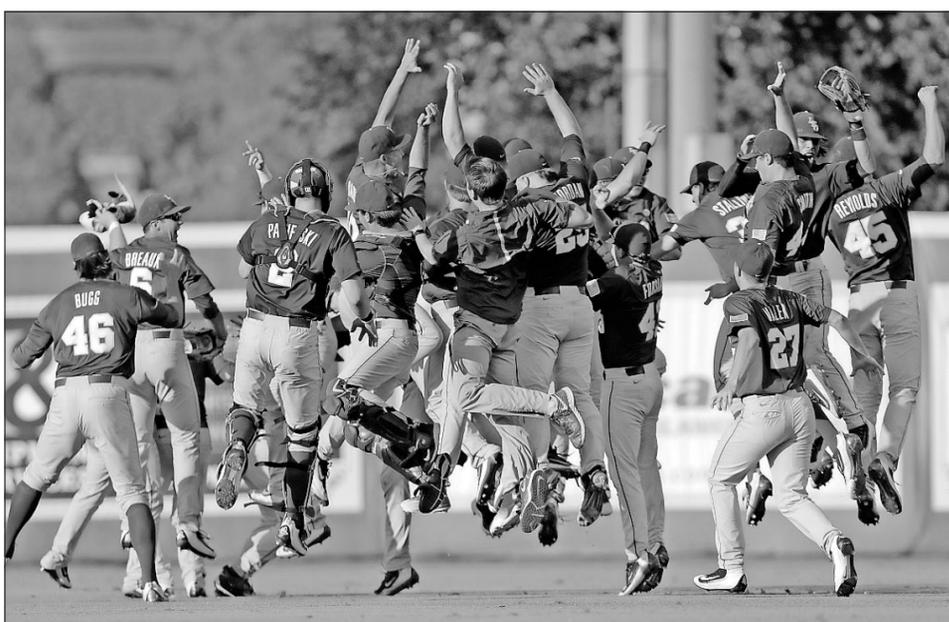
Saturday: UC Santa Barbara (40-18-1) at No. 2 Louisville (50-12), Noon  
Sunday: UC Santa Barbara vs. Louisville, Noon  
x-Monday: UC Santa Barbara vs. Louisville, TBA

**At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium Gainesville, Fla.**

Saturday: Florida State (40-20) at Florida (50-13), 6 p.m.  
Sunday: Florida State vs. Florida, 6 p.m.  
x-Monday: Florida State vs. Florida, TBA

**At Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.**

Saturday: Coastal Carolina (47-16) at LSU (45-19), 9 p.m.  
Sunday: Coastal Carolina vs. LSU, 9 p.m.  
x-Monday: Coastal Carolina vs. LSU, TBA  
Monday games will start at 1, 4 and 7 p.m.



BRETT DUKE/NOLA.COM THE TIMES-PICAYUNE VIA AP

LSU is one of five SEC teams to win an NCAA regional last weekend, beating Rice on Tuesday in Baton Rouge, La. The Tigers host Coastal Carolina in a super regional this weekend.

# SEC sends 5 teams to super regionals again

BY ERIC OLSON  
AP Sports Writer

With help from South Carolina and LSU, the Southeastern Conference grabbed the spotlight after being overshadowed by the ACC heading into the NCAA baseball tournament.

The SEC had five teams advance to the super regionals for the second straight year and fifth time in the 18 years of the current tournament format.

The Atlantic Coast Conference set a league record with 10 teams making the tournament, but only four made it through regionals.

Winners in the eight super regionals will advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning June 18.

South Carolina bounced back from a loss on its home field in its regional opener to win four straight, including two in a row over UNC-Wilmington to advance to its 12th super regional. The Gamecocks locked up their regional title with a 10-5 win on Tuesday.

LSU, shut out for six innings by Rice's Willy Amador, scored three runs in the seventh and two in the eighth to beat the Owls 5-2 in Baton



CYNDI CHAMBERS/THE GAINESVILLE SUN VIA AP

Florida's Jonathan India is mobbed by his teammates after India's home run against Connecticut during the NCAA regional. Top seed Florida is one of five SEC teams in the super regionals.

Rouge and earn its fourth berth in the super regionals in five years and 12th overall.

Other SEC teams advancing were Florida, Texas A&M and

Mississippi State.

ACC teams that made it through regionals: Louisville, Miami, Florida State and Boston College. At most, the ACC

will advance three teams to the College World Series because Boston College and Miami are matched in a super regional.

The Big 12 had all three of its tournament teams — Oklahoma State, TCU and Texas Tech — advance to super regionals. It's the fourth time, and second in three years, that the conference has had at least three teams win regionals.

Super regionals starting Friday:

— Boston College (34-20) at No. 3 national seed Miami (48-11)

— TCU (45-15) at No. 4 Texas A&M (48-14)

— East Carolina (37-21-1) at No. 5 Texas Tech (45-17)

— Arizona (42-21) at No. 6 Mississippi State (44-16-1)

Super regionals starting Saturday:

— Florida State (40-20) at No. 1 Florida (50-13)

— UC Santa Barbara (40-18-1) at No. 2 Louisville (50-12)

— Oklahoma State (39-20) at South Carolina (47-16)

— Coastal Carolina (48-16) at No. 8 LSU (46-19)

A look around the country as regionals wrapped up Tuesday:

**CHANTICLEERS' BIG RALLY**

Coastal Carolina reached the super regionals for the

first time since 2010 with a 7-5 victory over North Carolina State with a four-run ninth inning.

Cody Beckman walked the first two batters, and an infield single loaded the bases with one out Monday night when rain forced a stoppage. When play resumed Tuesday, the Chanticleers scored a run on a groundout and went ahead on Seth Lancaster's two-run single. Billy Cooke followed with an RBI single. Mike Morrison pitched a perfect ninth for Coastal Carolina.

**GAMECOCKS ON A ROLL**

Madison Stokes went 3 for 4 with three RBIs and Alex Destino and DC Arendas each drove in two runs in Tuesday's 10-5 win. The Gamecocks outscored their past four opponents 47-10.

**DEICHMANN LEADS LSU**

Greg Deichmann's two-run homer in the seventh inning gave LSU a 3-2 lead, and Michael Papierski's shot leading off the eighth and Kramer Robertson's second home run in two games provided insurance. Jared Poche pitched six innings of one-hit shutout relief, and Hunter Newman worked a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Inciarte, Teheran propel Braves

BY BERNIE WILSON  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Ender Inciarte finished a home run shy of the cycle and scored twice, Julio Teheran pitched eight innings and had an RBI single, and the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres 4-2 Wednesday to stop a six-game losing streak.

The Braves, who have the worst record in the majors at 17-42, denied the Padres what would have been their first series sweep this season.

Wil Myers homered twice for the Padres, last in the NL West at 25-36.

Batting leadoff, Inciarte singled and scored in the first, doubled in the second, struck out in the fourth and tripled and scored in the sixth.

Teheran (2-6) allowed two runs and five hits, struck out eight and walked one. Arodys Vizcaino, who took the loss Tues-



LENNY IGNELZI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta's Ender Inciarte is congratulated in the dugout after scoring in the Braves' 4-2 win over the Padres on Wednesday in San Diego.

day night, pitched the ninth for his seventh save in nine chances.

Padres left fielder Melvin Upton Jr. made a leaping catch to rob Freddie Freeman of a home run leading off the fifth. On Thursday night, Freeman tripled off the top of the left-field wall but the Braves thought the ball went off a fan's glove and should have been ruled a home run. They appealed, but the call stood.

Atlanta took a 2-0 lead in the first against lefty Drew Pomeranz (5-6), who has developed into the Padres' best pitcher. Inciarte and Chase d'Arnaud singled and Freeman hit a sacrifice fly. Nick Markakis hit a RBI single.

The Braves made it 3-0 in the fourth when Teheran helped his cause with an RBI single. It brought in Daniel Castro, who singled and advanced on a wild pitch.

Both of Myers' home runs were off Teheran. He

homered an estimated 427 feet off the scoreboard on the facade of the second deck in left field leading off the fourth. Myers' second homer, estimated at 402 feet, hit off the second balcony on the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left field corner. They were his 11th and 12th.

Pomeranz allowed three runs and nine hits in five innings, struck out six and walked one.

**UP NEXT**

**Braves:** After a day off Thursday, RHP Bud Norris (1-7, 5.28) is scheduled to start the opener of a home series against the Chicago Cubs, who will counter with RHP Jason Hammel (7-1, 2.14)

**Padres:** After a day off, the Padres open a series at Colorado, with RHP Andrew Cashner (3-5, 4.78) scheduled to start against Jon Gray (4-2, 5.33), who beat the Padres 10-3 in San Diego on Sunday.

# Donaldson provides power for Blue Jays in 7-2 victory

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Josh Donaldson had three hits, including a three-run homer and a triple, and R.A. Dickey won consecutive starts for the first time since last summer, helping the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Detroit Tigers 7-2 Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer and Kevin Pillar added a two-run triple as Toronto stopped Detroit's five-game winning streak.

Dickey (4-6) allowed two runs and nine hits in 51/3 innings. Combined with Friday's victory at Boston, he won back-to-back outings for the first time since Aug. 28 against Detroit and Sept. 2 versus Cleveland.

Jordan Zimmermann (8-3) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings — including two triples and two homers. He has allowed seven or more runs twice in his last four outings, and his ERA has risen to 3.30 from 1.10 on May 6.

Nick Castellanos hit his 11th homer for the Tigers.

Smoak and Castellanos had two-run homers in the first, and Donaldson's three-run homer put Toronto ahead for good in the third. Detroit put runners at the corners with one out when Ezequiel Carrera grounded into a 3-6-2 double play started by Jose Iglesias.

Zimmermann couldn't get out of the fifth, when Donaldson tripled and Pillar tripled.

Detroit got a runner to third

with one out in the seventh, but Jesse Chavez came in to strike out James McCann and Andrew Romine.

**CUBS 8**
**PHILLIES 1**

PHILADELPHIA — John Lackey struck out eight in seven dominant innings, Kris Bryant and Ben Zobrist hit homers and the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-1 on Wednesday.

Lackey (7-2) gave up three hits and extended his scoreless streak to 13 2/3 innings.

Phillies starter Vince Velasquez left the game after getting one out because of right biceps soreness. Velasquez threw two pitches and quickly left the mound when a trainer came out.

Brett Oberholtzer (2-1) replaced him and allowed one unearned run following his throwing error in four innings.

Bryant hit his 14th homer off Andrew Bailey in the sixth, a two-run shot out to left. Zobrist connected one out later to make it 4-0.

Chicago scored four runs off Colton Murray in the eighth to extend the lead.

The Phillies missed an opportunity in the first after consecutive singles by Odubell Herrera and Cesar Hernandez put runners on first and third. Herrera tried to score on Freddy Galvis' shallow fly, but left fielder Albert Almora Jr. threw him out by several feet.

## SPEEDWAY

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the man to beat in the Sprint feature, leading nearly the whole race. However, he and second place Bobby Komisariski made contact through turns 3 and 4, resulting in both cars spinning. Scott Lawrence took advantage and took over the lead and cruised on for the win. Mike Sellers came home second with Duane Moore third and David Thorman fourth. Perry was fifth and Komisariski was sixth.

Drew Shealy returned to the Super Street division and made the best of his night by picking up another win. Shealy held off multiple challenges from Terrell Holloway throughout the race before finally taking the checkered flag. Holloway came home second with Ken Appleton third, Greg Murphy fourth. Justin Timmons fifth and Tim Roark sixth.

Justin Mintz made a late arrival to the track and started the Stock 4 feature in the rear after missing the heat race. However, he wasted little time working his way to the front and pressuring Travis Sharpe for the lead. Mintz worked his way around Sharpe and cruised on for the win. Sharpe settled for second with Jason Hodge third, Ashley McHenry fourth, Justin Timmons fifth and Tommy Bell sixth.

Steven Bartlette led flag to flag in the Street Stock division, picking up his first win of the season in dominant fashion. Ronnie Stephens Jr. came home second.

The SECA Crate Late Model bonus race with a prize of \$2,000 going to the winner will highlight racing action this Saturday. All of the other classes will have their regular races.

Gates open at 5 p.m. with racing starting at 7. Grandstand tickets are \$15 for adults and pit passes are \$25. Active duty and retired military will be admitted to the grandstands free of charge with military identification.



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## AREA SCOREBOARD

### TENNIS

#### PLAY DAY

A free Play Day for children ages 5-12 will be held on Saturday at Palmetto Tennis Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The children will have a chance to play with women professional tennis players who will be participating in the Palmetto Pro Open.

A water slide will be open from 7:30 to 9 for children who participated in the play day.

There will also be free hot dogs, chips and lemonade.

For more information, call PTC at (803) 774-3969.

#### TWILIGHT TENNIS IN THE PARKS

Twilight Tennis in the Parks, sponsored by Palmetto Tennis Center, will be held on Saturday, June 25, at Swan Lake Park from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The event is open to children ages 5-12 with demonstrations from a PTC professional.

Events at Shaw Park on July 16 and Birnie Park on July 30 will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call PTC at (803) 774-3969.

### FOOTBALL

#### 7-ON-7 TOURNAMENT

The first Do It Big 7-on-7 We Ball 4 Destin football tournament will be held on Saturday at Sumter High School.

The tournament is being

held in memory of former Sumter High football player Destin Wise, who died in an automobile accident in June of 2015. The tournament is being put on by Wise's half-brother Mariel Cooper, an all-state performer at SHS who recently signed a free agent contract with the Washington Redskins.

For more information, contact Cooper at (803) 565-5360 or at [weball4desting@gmail.com](mailto:weball4desting@gmail.com), Wanda Cooper at (803) 565-3955 or at [cooperwanda517@yahoo.com](mailto:cooperwanda517@yahoo.com), Travien Maple at (803) 406-5853 or Jodecy Hithe at (803) 542-4236.

#### FOOTBALL OFFICIALS MEETINGS

The Santee Wateree Football Officials Association is holding training classes for prospective officials for the 2016 football season.

The classes will be held on Mondays beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Granderson James at (803) 968-2391 or [grandersj@aol.com](mailto:grandersj@aol.com) or Richard Geddings at (803) 468-8858.

#### SUMTER HIGH CAMP

Sumter High School will have a football camp July 13-14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school's practice field.

The camp is open to children who have completed grades 2 through 7. The camp is free, but pre-registration is required by June 30.

Forms are available in the school's main office or by

calling SHS head coach Mark Barnes at (803) 481-4480.

### BASEBALL

#### DIAMOND PRO CAMP

The Diamond Pro Instructional Baseball Camp will hold a 4-day sessions at Patriot Park SportsPlex on June 13-16.

The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. It is under the instruction of Frankie Ward, Barry Hatfield and Robbie Mooneyham.

The camp is open to children ages 7-12. It is \$60 for the session and each camper will receive a t-shirt.

For more information, contact Ward at (803) 720-4081, Hatfield at (803) 236-4768 or Mooneyham at (803) 938-3141.

### BASKETBALL

#### SUMTER HIGH CAMP

Sumter High School will have a basketball camp July 11-15 in its main gymnasium.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to noon each day and is open to children ages 6-17. The cost is \$35 per student.

Registration forms are available in the school's main office or by calling SHS boys head coach Shawn Jones at (803) 467-3874.

### GOLF

#### PARS 4 PETS TOURNAMENT

The fourth annual Par 4 Pets golf tournament will be held on Saturday, June 18, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

The format will be 4-man Captain's Choice. The entry fee is \$160 per team or \$40 per player. The fee includes golf cart, lunch and beverages.

The field will be limited to the first 20 teams. The money raised will go K.A.T.'s Special Kneads.

For more information, call Kathy Stafford at (803) 469-3906, Teresa Durden at (803) 917-4710 or Mike Ardis at (803) 775-1902.

### BOWLING

#### GAMECOCK LANES SCORES

May 1-7  
**NASCAR:** Ryan Benenhaley 401.  
**Tuesday Night Mixed:** Darryl Fleming 279; Thomas Jackson 687; Nick Pipkin 235; Von Carraway 246-612; Lenny Girdvainis 231-606; Phillipp June 259-691; Joshua Sweeney 224-577; Michael Starnes 213; Tony Friday 236; Teresa Harvard 216-579; Sue Bailey 255; Ethel Faragi 556; Lonnie Albright 565; Gregg Anderson 768; Byron Phillips 724; Kenneth Smith 692; Chris Johnson 608; Rowland Yates 716; Kevin Welch 627; Norvell Jackson Sr. 506.

**Industrial Mixed:** Willie Graham 258-638; Jerry Beasley 245-645; Gabe Reynolds 266-734; Chuck Scott 241-659; Greg Cunningham 236; Jay Gillion 572; Thomas Jackson 672; Angela Wills 175-441; Judy McDonald 574; Alice Oxendine 480.  
**Friday Night Mixed:** Sue Bailey 300-692; Henry Watkins 243-594; Bing Davis 259-686; Leon Williams 268; James Cauty 257-669; Angela Wills 188-471; Karen Sweeney 173-487; Doug Oliver 245; Dandrell Dukes 259-701; Tim Jenkins 236; EJ Wells 222-594; Rowland Yates 258; Phillip June 257-719; Robert Mainey 200-555; Darryl Fleming 251-714; Eva Jackson 222-586; Sean Chapman 721; Marc Harton 700; Michael Gregg 638; Curtis Anderson 701; Charlie Boykin 702; Kevin Austin 490; Tracy Herrington 606; Ken Rainwater 671; Sammie Washington 512; Terence Williams 692.

**Saturday Youth Practice:** Greyson Miller 96-252; Zayd McColgin 159; Keonta Bethea 198-524.

## COOPER

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brother's name," Cooper said. "It will be open to all college athletes and high school seniors from Sumter. I know how a lot of kids' dreams are halted just because of the finances of not being able to go to college.

"I just want to provide that for the community because I've been blessed with the opportunity to do so."

Registration will be held between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with kickoff coming right after that. The registration process has been an ongoing one, however, and as of June 1 there were 16 teams already signed up to participate – roughly 160-170 players.

"There are 12 boys teams and four powderpuff teams," Cooper said. "So we'll have a powderpuff tournament too and give out a championship trophy."

"(There's also) a few teams from the community, a few of my buddies from The Citadel and S.C. (South Carolina) State are bringing teams and (the University of) South Carolina is sending a team down in support, so it will be pretty good competition."

Destin's story as well as Cooper's journey to the NFL will also be broadcast to a



FILE/

Former Sumter High School standout Mariel Cooper, left, recently signed a free agent contract with the Washington Redskins.

much wider audience. Cameras from the NFL Network have been following The Citadel defensive back around since February for Season 3 of the series "Undrafted," which will be airing in September.

Cooper says NFL Network is scheduled to be in Sumter to gather footage from Saturday's tournament.

"The whole package of positive things coming from this show is overwhelming," he added.

It was a long journey to get to the cusp of the NFL for the Sumter grad. The 5-foot-11-inch, 192-pound DB helped S.C. State earn two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles before he left for The Citadel as a graduate student in

his final season.

He helped guide the Bulldogs to a Southern Conference championship after starting 12 games at corner with 30 tackles, including four for a loss, and an interception.

Cooper tweaked his hamstring at both the NFL combine and his pro day, however, making the likelihood of having to earn his way onto an NFL squad via tryout all the more certain.

Originally, Cooper thought that opportunity might come in San Diego before a change of plans kept him on the East Coast.

"They made a few last-minute roster changes and unfortunately didn't bring me out," Cooper said of the

Chargers. "They called me on a Monday, and then on that Wednesday, the Redskins called and said they wanted to bring me up."

Preparing for a shot either way, Cooper was training with his cousin and former NFLer Derrick Burgess. When the Redskins called around the second week of May, he was among a group of about 40 players trying out for two roster spots at rookie minicamp.

"I think I just showed my versatility – my ability to play most of the defensive back positions," Cooper said of his tryout. "I was able to pick up on the plays pretty quickly and produce on the field. They also said on Day 1 that they really liked my footwork."

"So I think that and my tenacity and grind just really caught the coaches' eye."

So much so that on the final day after his physical, a few of the top folks took Cooper aside and said, "Welcome to the Redskins." He was signed on Saturday, May 14, and the deal was officially announced the following Monday.

"It's an overwhelming feeling," Cooper said. "My first thought was of my brother and sharing the moment with him."

"I felt his spirit with me the whole weekend

## OBITUARIES

### EARNESTINE S. GATHERS

Earnestine Sanders Gathers, 70, was called from labor to reward on Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Born on May 16, 1946, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Deacon John Sanders Sr. and Mary Alston Sanders. Earnestine, affectionately known as "Tine," was educated in the public schools of Sumter County.

She graduated from Lincoln High School Class of 1963 and then relocated to Port Chester, New York, for 42 years. She was united in holy matrimony to Johnnie Gathers Jr. on March 26, 1966, and to this union one daughter, Sharon, and one son, the late Reginald, were born. She worked for Avon Products Inc. and then retired from Ciba-Geigy

Inc. in 2000. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church. She later joined St. Frances AME Zion Church, Port Chester. Upon her return to South Carolina, she reunited with Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as secretary of the senior missionary and president of the unity mass choir.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 50 years, Johnnie; one daughter, Sharon; a grandson, Brendan; three sisters, Eva M. Prioleau of Newark, Delaware, and Evelena (Willie) Prioleau and Donna M. (Neal) Dennis, both of Sumter; six brothers, Elder John H. Sanders Jr. of To-byhanna, Pennsylvania, Apostle Robert L. (Janice) Sanders Sr. of Buffalo, New York, Deacon James L. (the Rev. Julia) Sanders, Deacon Roosevelt (Daphne) Sanders and Jimmy (Frances) Sanders, all of Sumter, and Ron-

ald Gregory Sanders of Wilmington, Delaware; three sisters-in-law; seven aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 5405 Black River Road, Rembert, with the Rev. Clifton N. Witherspoon, pastor, presiding, and Apostle Robert L. Sanders Sr., eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 2860 Wedgefield Road, Sumter.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Flower ladies will be nieces. Honorary flower ladies will be senior missionary ministry.

Pallbearers will be nephews.

Burial will be in Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Churchyard cemetery.

These services have been

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com).

Visit us on the web at [www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com).

### EUGENE NELSON SR.

NEW YORK, New York — Eugene Nelson Sr., 73, widower of Ruth Blackwell Nelson, died on Tuesday, June 7 2016, at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, N.Y.

He was born on Jan. 18, 1943, in Manning, a son of the late Wilson D. Sr. and Annie Mae Wilson Nelson.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, John and Ora Nelson, 2379 Oak Grove Church Road, Manning.

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

### JACOB MYERS JR.

Funeral services for Elder Jacob Myers Jr. will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 912 Plowden Mill Road, Alcolu, with Dr. Franklin D. Colclough Sr., eulogist, and the Rev. Alonza Washington presiding.

The public may view from 9 to 8 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter. Interment will follow in Barfield Cemetery, Sumter.

The family will receive friends at 235 Gibbons St., Sumter.

Elder Jacobs died on Monday, June 6, 2016, at his home in Sumter. He was a son of the late Jacob "Jake" Myers and Isabella Wells Myers. He was the widower of Hattie Mae Grant.

Condolences may be made on their tribute page found at [www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com](http://www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com).

Palmer Memorial Chapel is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

**BIZARRO**



**SOUP TO NUTZ**



**ANDY CAPP**



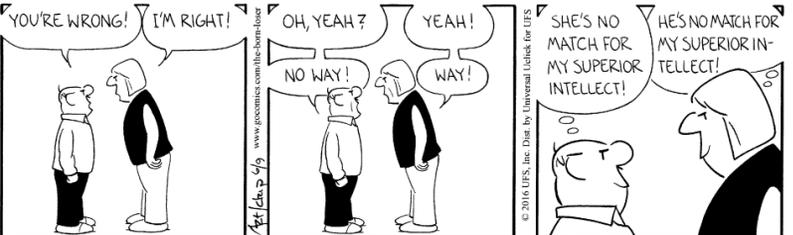
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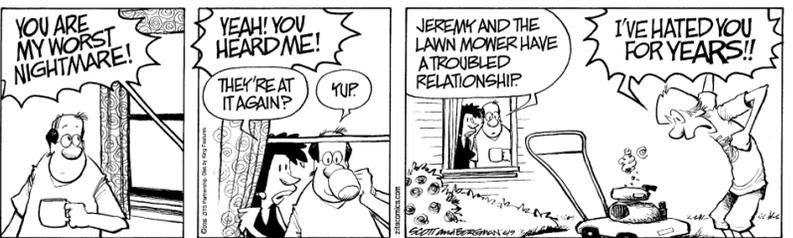
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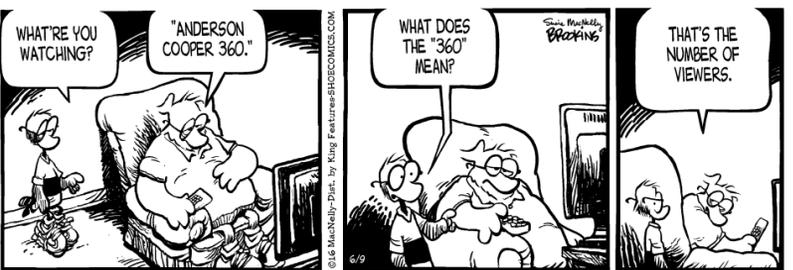
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**JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE**



*For the record: Interpreters talk, translators write*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — I'm writing about your answer to "An International Educator" (Dec. 27), who asked about translators at parent-teacher conferences. Your answer was only partially correct.

I am a professional interpreter and translator. First I should note that translators do written work; interpreters speak aloud. Different skills are involved, which is why there are different terms.

Second, during interpretation, the interpreter is not considered to be part of the con-

versation, just a "conduit" through which communication takes place. Persons being interpreted for do not need to look at the interpreter while facilitating their communication.

A professional interpreter will interpret everything that is said; for example, they will not leave out curse words or "filter" or embellish anything. They also try to approximate the same voice tone.

I should also note that professional interpreters are bound by privacy codes much like doctors and nurses. We are not allowed to divulge any information we have learned from our interpretation jobs. Another thing to realize is that a professional interpreter (or translator) will be completely neutral, regardless of who

hired him/her or with which party he/she enters the room.

If someone is using a non-professional interpreter, a person who just happens to know both languages but has not had the training to be an interpreter, he/she may not adhere to these privacy or conduct codes, and their interpretations may not be of the best quality. Just knowing two languages does not guarantee that someone is capable of doing accurate interpretations (the same goes for translations).

*One who knows in Kansas*

**DEAR O.W.K.** — Thank you for clarifying the difference between the two terms. You were one of many readers who wrote to explain it, and I'm glad you did.

**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.

SYPHU  
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ITXCE

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

Print your answer here:  -

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GLAZE ISSUE EQUITY FLAVOR  
Answer: The priest took his workout routine very seriously and went to the gym — RELIGIOUSLY



**SUDOKU**

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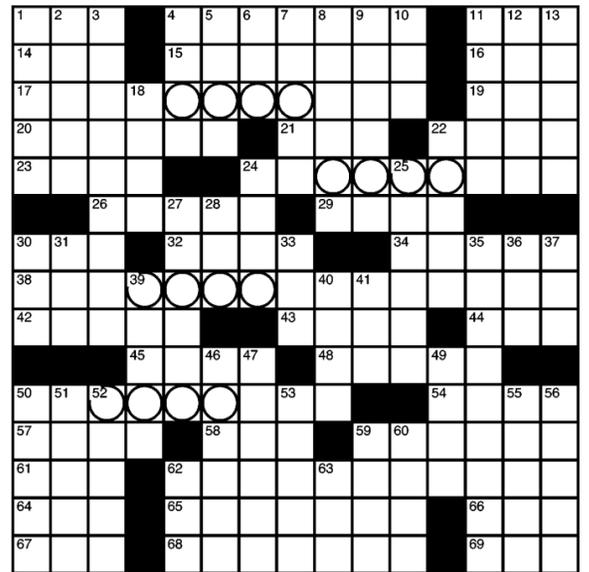
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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



By Matt Skoczen

6/9/16

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- 1 Two cents
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  - 57 Problem for Lady Macbeth
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  - 59 Scarlet letter, e.g.
  - 61 Babe's environs
  - 62 Last-minute interception, say, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
  - 64 Torah holder
  - 65 Fallacious
  - 66 Cauliflower \_
  - 67 "Street Dreams" rapper
  - 68 Droopy face feature
  - 69 Like about half the counties in Arkansas
  - 71 Anita Baker genre
  - 72 1983 Pritzker prize recipient
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  - 78 Fight with rules
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  - 87 Went like lightning
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  - 63 Blubber
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  - 2 4, at times
  - 3 Cry of support
  - 4 Herb in a ballad
  - 5 Genesis brother
  - 6 "We Were Soldiers" setting
  - 7 What stripes and polka dots do
  - 8 Added (up)
  - 9 Free, as a bird
  - 10 "Does nothing for me"
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Mr. & Mrs. Henry Lee (Buster) and Lottie Olivia Williams Sr (Libby)



Married 6/9/56 Reunited 3/27/12

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Huge! Multi Family! 3105 N Main St Sat 7-? Open to public for \$25 per table.

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1360 Airport Rd. Fri & Sat. 6-3 tools, air compress., clothes, ATV tires, jewelry & more

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#### Help Wanted Full-Time

Exp. body technician needed. Several years experience is a must Call 803-469-4560.

#### Help Wanted Full-Time

Maintenance Supervisor  
Maintenance Supervisor needed for community in Sumter. Candidates must possess at least 5 years previous apartment maintenance & supervisory experience. Ability to troubleshoot & repair electrical & mechanical systems, appliances, structural, plumbing systems and HVAC certification req. Must respond to rotating after hours emergency calls. Submit resumes to: humanresources@tryproperties.com

Local church seeking a piano player. Must be able to play all genre of gospel music. If interested call 803-481-3887 and leave message.

Full-time employees needed to perform general maintenance and repairs. Candidates must have general knowledge to perform task such as sheet rock, painting, and carpentry. Experience is required. If you wish to apply, please contact us at (803)464-1040, or if you have questions about the position.

Auto. Tech. Needed ASAP. Full-time. Must have drivers license. Pay starting \$30-\$36 hr based on experience. Apply: B & C Automotive, 601 Broad St. Mon-Fri 8am-6pm

Local Tree Co. seeking CDL drivers, bucket operators & tree climbers. Call 803-478-8299

Full-Time & Part-Time Cook/Dietary Aide positions. Please apply in person at NHC HealthCare Sumter, 1018 N. Guignard Dr., Sumter, SC 29150 (EOE)

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**Beer & Wine License**

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