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LEFT: Light shines behind smoke looming over downtown Sumter on Friday morning as it drifts north from the Hodge Distribution and Logistics warehouse on Hauser Street. MIDDLE: A Sumter firefighter heads toward a house on fire in Sumter Historic District later that afternoon.

RIGHT: A firefighter kneels down to fix his equipment as shifts went in and out of two houses in the Historic District on fire next to each other.

# Fires engulf warehouse, homes

## Dedicated firefighters serve Sumter

Friday was one of those days the Sumter Fire Department plans for in its motto.

Hours after fighting a gigantic warehouse fire on Hauser Street at the Lafayette Bridge just south of downtown Sumter, firefighters — both volunteer and career — were called back to action to fight two house fires at the same time when a blaze spread from one residence to its next-door neighbor in Sumter Historic District on Friday.

“It was pretty intense,” Capt. Matthew Ray said. “But we train for this kind of thing.”

The strain on the 25 firefighters littered throughout the 500 block of McQueen Street at West Hampton Avenue on Friday afternoon was evident. They looked tired, thirsty, sweaty, grimy. They also looked dedicated. And driven. And part of a team.

Some, but not many, firefighters worked both that fire and one that engulfed 200,000 square feet of

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Sumter Fire Capt. Matthew Ray.

## Helping the heroes: Red Cross aids firefighters on scene, victims after

As the city of Sumter saw Friday, fires can affect more than just those who live in a burning home, and one worldwide nonprofit disaster-relief organization was on hand for two vastly different situations.

Even though the early morning warehouse blaze was a non-residential, victimless fire, the American Red Cross still responded to the scene to help the firefighters.



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According to area volunteer Steve Schumaker, the Red Cross is called to help serve wherever there is human suffering, and firefighters battling a blaze for several hours are included in that.

After receiving a call from

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90 firefighters responded to the warehouse fire

25 firefighters responded to the house fires

1 million gallons of water used to fight the warehouse fire

2,000 gallons of water pumped a minute from each ladder truck

3 structures burned total

7 people displaced

\$1.9 million in damage incurred by the warehouse owner

\* Information found in more detail in stories below

Firefighters dump water on a warehouse filled with carpet fibers and plastic Friday morning. A total of 90 firefighters worked the blaze throughout the day.

## Blaze at Hodge property causes \$2M in damage

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Sumter Fire Department used about one million gallons of water to combat a fire at an approximately 200,000-square-foot warehouse on Hauser Street as the structure burned to the ground early Friday.

Firefighters were called to the building — about the size of a Walmart Supercenter — which was used to store materials for Hodge Distribution & Logistics, at about 4 a.m.

No injuries were reported during the blaze for civilians or firefighters.

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Go to [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com) to watch drone footage of the warehouse fire, and go to our [Facebook page](#) (search The Sumter Item) to see how we covered the house fires live.

Large clouds of smoke were reportedly seen from Myrtle Beach — almost 10 miles to the northeast — as plastic and carpet fibers stored inside the building continued to burn about four hours after firefighters arrived.

A few fire department officials wondered if the smoke would travel all the way to Myrtle Beach or even some



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areas of North Carolina.

Fire Chief Karl Ford said the metal roof of the warehouse had already collapsed by the time firefighters arrived, which made it difficult to suppress the fire underneath.

The size of the fire required dispatch to call in all the department's off-duty firefighters, including volunteers, to provide extra help at the warehouse fire throughout the day and to respond to other fires in the city and county, Battalion Chief Joey Duggan said.

About 25 firefighters initially responded to the warehouse, and about 25 more were called out, including

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## 1 house destroyed, 1 damaged on Friday in Historic District

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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One house was extremely damaged and another destroyed after a fire broke out on a residential property in Sumter Historic District on Friday afternoon.

A neighbor on McQueen Street and Hampton Avenue reportedly called 911 about the blaze in the 500 block of McQueen Street about 2 p.m.

According to Sumter Fire Department Battalion Chief Joey Duggan, the fire and smoke spread

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A Sumter firefighter works on the side of the house that initially caught fire.

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Hundreds of community members, students and alumni attend a service on Friday for Luns C. Richardson, the longest-serving president of Morris College.

## LUNS C. RICHARDSON

# Remembered as no-nonsense, compassionate

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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The Sumter community said goodbye to Luns C. Richardson — the longest-serving president of Morris College, who died on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Richardson — the ninth president of Sumter's local historically black college — is recognized as being one of the longest-serving college presidents in America after becoming president in 1974. He retired in June 2017.

During his 43-year career at Morris, Richardson developed a reputation as a "no-nonsense" but compassionate leader to his staff and students.

Richardson was a personal friend and a brother, said Rep. David Weeks, who knew the former college president while he was a student and member of college staff.

Weeks was the first student body president during Richardson's first year as college president.

Richardson was very student oriented and made sure all students were aware of every opportunity to prepare themselves for the future, he said.

He went way beyond a normal president, Weeks said, by giving students the one-on-one attention they needed to succeed.

To his employees, Richardson was

a strong leader who required the same amount of dedication from his staff, said Weeks, a former administrator who worked at the college for about 11 years.

"He was a tough president who demanded the best from his employees," Weeks said. Richardson was mission focused but also compassionate in his mission to make Morris a strong four-year institution, he said.

He was as solid an administrator as one could have at an HBCU, said U.S. Rep. James E. Clyburn.

Richardson understood what HBCUs were about, he said. He understood that the intersection of religion and education was necessary to support higher education in the black community, he said.

Clyburn later shared a story of how Richardson helped his father receive a theology degree after he was not allowed to complete his senior



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Luns C. Richardson is shown through the years.

year at Morris College 20 years earlier because he did not have a high school diploma.

Richardson's record of serving as a college president for more than 40 years cannot be matched, Clyburn said.

"He has definitely been an influence on my work ethic today with regard to my level of commitment," said NiCole Williams, former public relations director at the college and a 1999 graduate.

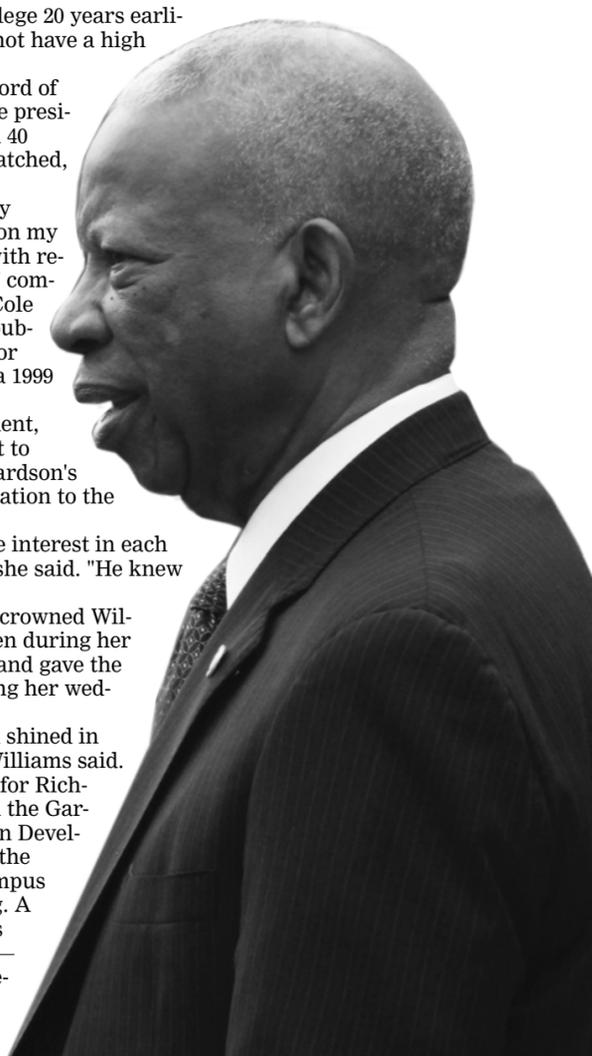
As a former student, Williams can attest to comments of Richardson's sacrifice and dedication to the college.

He took a sincere interest in each student's success, she said. "He knew our names."

Richardson also crowned Williams campus queen during her time at the school and gave the bridal prayer during her wedding.

His heart of gold shined in and out of work, Williams said.

A public service for Richardson was held in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center on the Morris College campus on Friday morning. A second service was held in Hartsville — Richardson's hometown — on Saturday morning.



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# State reports 9 flu deaths in one week

S.C. reaches total of 24 through Jan. 13

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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An already harsh flu season turned deadly last week in Sumter and throughout South Carolina.

There were nine laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths in the state between Jan. 7 and 13, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental

Control, in a week that reported “widespread activity” for the fifth week in a row.

Of those nine, six of the victims were 65 years or older, and three were between 50 and 64 years old.

“South Carolina influenza activity significantly increased this week,” the agency reported. “The current influenza season appears to be similar to activity observed in

the 2014-15 season.”

Influenza A was the strain most frequently reported by clinical labs, while Influenza A(H3) was the most frequently reported by public health labs.

There were a total of 483 influenza-associated hospitaliza-

tions reported by 47 hospitals for a cumulative hospitalization rate of 26 per 100,000.

According to DHEC, Sumter County saw 98 cases per 100,000 people — more than 14 counties that saw 75 cases or less but less than 22 that saw

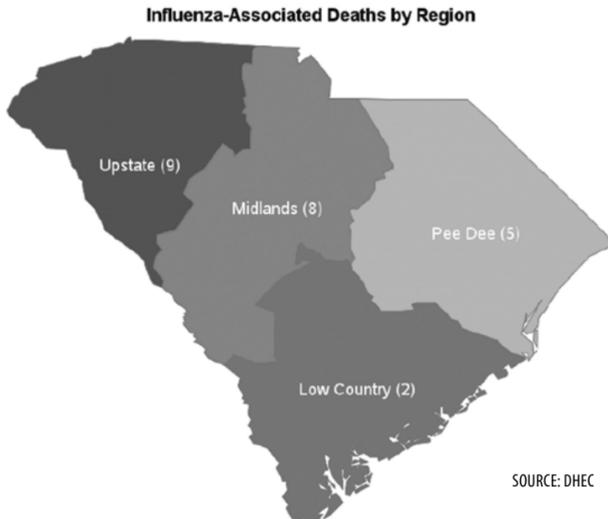
higher numbers than Sumter. Greenville County saw the most cases — 2,141 per 100,000.

Compared to previous weeks, the number of reported hospitalizations increased by 215 (80.2 percent), and the number of reported deaths increased by five (125 percent).

In this current flu season, there have been a total of 9,864 cases from 43 of South Carolina’s 46 counties, including 1,292 hospitalizations and 24 deaths. The only counties to remain without any positive-tested lab results are Dillon, Jasper and Sumter-neighbor-ing Calhoun.

Of the 24 total deaths this flu season so far, eight have been in the Midlands, five have been in the Pee Dee, two in the Low-country and nine in the Up-state.

Most of the deaths have been in victims 65 years or older, though four people between the ages of 50 and 64 have died. One person was between 18 and 49.



## God wants us to know the benefits of mentor relationships

If 7 a.m. on Sunday morning had a sound, it would be that of a starter pistol because between the time my family of five wakes and the time we break the threshold of church is basically a sprint.

On paper, the process is simple: wake, eat, dress and get in the car. In execution, the process is plagued by snooze buttons, lost shoes and meltdown over clothes — and that’s just the adults. The kids add layers of delays and their own tantrums. Finally, we arrive at church where we exclaim, through gritted teeth and fake smiles, that we are ready to worship.

Those who have or can remember having kids can



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sympathize.

I find it best to keep my frustrated side separate from the facade I maintain at church. In an effort to be the ever-amiable minister’s wife, I try to hide these frustrations. It’s funny — no one seems to take to the surly wife of a reverend.

Thank goodness there are people who can see past the fake smile, as was the case with Kathleen, a woman in my church family. She approached me one Sunday

morning with an offer. How about I spend an hour with her one evening a week: to talk, commiserate, to share.

I was a little taken aback. I’ve been asked a dozen times to teach a Sunday school class or coordinate a special event. I happily assume the role expected of me which is to help my husband in his ministry. But Kathleen’s request would make me the recipient of a ministry, a position that I wasn’t accustomed to.

Scripture speaks to this idea of mentoring many times and specifically to women in Titus 2:3-4. God wants us to share our life’s experience with others so they can be encouraged, but also so that we can provide

an element of accountability to those relationships around us. Kathleen does that for me, and I can tell you that this mentoring relationship has meant more to me than any other formal spiritual education I’ve received.

It made me think of how many others of us need a Kathleen in their lives. Not just ministers’ wives or mothers, but businessmen and women, single adults, pre-teens and every other person on Earth. Scripture tells us that such relationships yield benefits for both parties: “As

iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” (Prov. 27:17, NIV)

We need people in our lives that will see past the images we project to the imperfect people who need reminders of God’s love. We need someone to be that person in our lives, and we need to be that person in someone else’s life.

Who is that person for you? What steps will you take this week to mentor that person?

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### LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

#### Trustees postpone board meeting until Jan. 29

Sumter School District’s Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Monday night has been postponed until Monday, Jan. 29.

A district staff member notified the media of the change on Friday about noon.

The trustees’ second meeting of each month is their monthly work session. The public is invited to attend the

work sessions, but public participation is not on the agenda. The work session will begin at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

The agenda for the Jan. 29 meeting will be distributed later this week.

#### District to host bus driver fair, training

Sumter School District will host a bus driver recruitment fair on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the district office.

A district spokesperson notified the media of the fair last week.

According to a district flier for the event, no bus-driving experience is necessary, but the district is looking for applicants to have a valid South Carolina driver’s license and a clean driving record. The position openings offer insurance and retirement benefits.

Background checks will be conducted as part of the selection process.

For candidates selected, four days of paid training will be offered, according to the district.

Saturday’s recruitment fair will be in Room 118 at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.



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# Exhibits provide rewarding start to art in '18

BY JANE COLLINS  
Special to The Sumter Item

Sumter Gallery of Art's current exhibits Laura Spong "Once in a Green Moon" and the Sumter Artists' Guild Winners provide a rewarding start to art in the new year. To paraphrase Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," color, color everywhere and no hue did it shrink, emotion filled with energy, much more than one would think."

Opening night Spong sat almost demurely on the bench in the entry hall while her paintings, filled with passion and force, dominated the gallery. Her entry triptych "Once in a Green Moon" leads the viewer through the sections with carefully controlled swoops of black, blending each section into a journey across the large painting. Motivated by emotion, Spong worked on her small "Minotaur Ouch" from 2011-16, putting it aside until each section felt right. Although lighter in color, her two "Flowers I and II" do not translate as pastel. Instead, their colors appear forceful.

"Going Down River," a larger piece, relies on massive sections of green and turquoise to create energy, adding white and blue and red orange shapes to emit a sense of depth. "At the Edge of Nowhere," another three-paneled composition, uses strong white and black with splotches of vermilion. Spong creates a sense of movement through intense vertical shapes. The blue-white shape in the right panel resembles a large mushroom bomb cloud; black forces add continuity along with white forms. "To the Utmost," another large painting, features a lighter background, its central color focus dominates, not so much in size as in the almost orange layer that seems superimposed over the color, leading the eye into the center of the lighter background. There is an elusive aura in the completed piece.

Spong's collaboration with Columbia poet Jonathan Brent Butler further emphasizes her dedication to emotional impact. "The World Begins," a pamphlet available at the gallery, astutely discusses how the two began to work together and the creative processes it involved, each being careful not to be too literal. "I found it harder than I thought," Spong says. "I don't usually think about something before I start. I paint from the kind of mood I am in, or what the season is and how that affects me and try to get that in a painting." Butler concedes that he had to write poems that "could complement the work of this painter I admire." He tried to keep his poetry short, often using the spare suggestiveness of the haiku and tanka to avoid keeping people from standing in front of a painting reading a long poem. Both express "creating moods." In "Deathless," Butler reinforces the blue movement over the lighter green background and almost specter-like images at the top: "This is what the Chinese painters were getting at: mountains and mist and a tiny bridge suspended between two peaks in a sea of fog..." In "Snow Globe," the paint strokes blue images are accented with dark blue and white outlines, seeming to swirl and move. Butler observes "All that evening, snowflakes fell...with no regard to me as I walked the street, blowing into my hands against the cold."

"How Long Before the Green Turns Blue" accentuates the unexpected atmosphere central to Spong's compositions. The dark background becomes illuminated with the unexpected "river" of neon yellowish green pulling the eye out into the foreground. She manages to use large forces of color and unexpected dashes of lighter hue and form to force attention into the painting and then out into the total impact.

The Sumter Artists' Guild Show winners underscore the variety and versatility of their artistry. Jim Wade's en-

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tries include a delightfully undulating ceramic dragon, a finely drawn feather, a sculpture using rulers, loops of yarn and a photograph in "Dream Weaver," and a whimsical collage of wallpaper, flooring and two stylized dancers filled with energetic lines in "Juke Joint." Halimah Shah's scope of interest is shown in her varied entries — a delicate blue ceramic bird feeder with a copper-colored wire stretching across the piece and out the side finished with brown beads, several other ceramics, and a white-and-black marbled effect picture.

Amanda Cox's pieces emphasize both the scale and technique found in her work. Her large, colorful florals contrast with two large landscapes, darkly stark but emphasized with intense stripes of color as shadows. Her smaller landscape accentuates her ability to control size and form. Napoleon "Brad" Bradford's pieces celebrate various approaches to the subject of flags, his skill in his sculpture, especially his intricate geometric "Sculptures I, II," and his painting "Autumn" with its focus on filtering light. Denise Greer's works like "Blu Too," reinforce her love of words and her ability to create collages and paintings that utilize strong areas of color and intricate detailing, especially with lines and design.

The exhibits remain at the Gallery through Feb. 16.



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Numerous people attended the opening night of Laura Spong's "Once in a Green Moon" and Sumter Artists' Guild Winners exhibits at the Sumter Gallery of Art on Wednesday.

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## Patrick Davis plays Bishopville Opera House

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Sumter Item

Singer-songwriter and Camden native Patrick Davis believes in coming home to perform each year, he said Wednesday. The Nashville resident has presented concerts with his Midnight Choir at the Sumter Opera House, the Fine Arts Center in Camden and the Bishopville Opera House, where they will perform Friday, Jan. 26.

Davis has had songs reach No. 1 on the Billboard Country Music Charts and continues to write for himself and for some of the most popular singers in the U.S., including Darius Rucker, Jewel, Lady Antebellum and others. He wrote his first song at the age of 18, but he first performed in a public venue at LB's restaurant and club in Sumter when he was "15 or 16."

"My dad's a great guitarist," Davis said, "and I played there with him."

He said he'd grown up in a home filled with music, but playing for an audience there and "getting more involved in music at" the University of South Carolina led him to choose music as a career.

He laughed. "Girls talked to guys who played guitar and sang, too."

"I used to read the liner notes on albums," Davis said, "and saw that most of the songs were written by other people, instead of the singers. I



PHOTOS COURTESY PATRICK DAVIS

Patrick Davis, right, performs with his father, guitarist Rusty Davis, at a recent show. Patrick grew up in Camden in a home filled with music, he said, which led him to become a singer-songwriter. His father will play with Davis and His Midnight Choir at the Bishopville Opera House on Friday, Jan. 26.

fell in love with songwriting, creating songs."

At the same time, he said, "I always appreciated the talent of people like James Taylor, Paul Simon and Van Morrison."

After his 2002 graduation from USC, Davis decided, "If I wanted to make a living writing songs, Nashville was the place to be." He's lived there ever since and is one of the city's more successful

songwriters.

About two years ago, Davis said, "I decided to get back into performing live with a band."

"Some people compare our concerts to a revival. There's a lot of storytelling, emotions that transfer to an audience. You don't get that as a songwriter."

The band's name, Midnight Choir, comes from a lyric in the song "Bird on the Wire," by another songwriter Davis ad-

mires, Leonard Cohen — "Like a bird on a wire, like a drunk in a midnight choir, I have tried in my way to be free."

He said a midnight choir "could be religious, could be a bunch of Irishmen walking the streets of Dublin singing. I thought it was a cool name for a band."

"Not a lot of people have large groups. I feel fortunate to have a band. I probably wouldn't tour if I couldn't do it

the way I do; it wouldn't be special. The reaction (of audiences) has been nice."

Davis describes his music as Americana, citing the artist Chris Stapleton as another example of the music "that has been its own genre for about 10 years. It's kind of where my leanings take me."

Davis' father, Rusty Davis, and other family members will be in the Midnight Choir when he plays the Bishopville Opera House. He and the band will also perform in three specials on PBS this year, the first in April.

The Bishopville Opera House and the Ruth Josey Bell Performing Arts Series will present Patrick Davis and His Midnight Choir at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. Tickets can be purchased at the Bishopville Opera House, 109 N. Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling (803) 484-5090. General admission tickets are \$15, and VIP tickets are \$30 each. Season ticket holders can pay an additional \$15 for VIP admission, which includes the concert, a pre-show meet and greet with Davis and the band, a copy of Davis' new EP, reserved seating for the show and refreshments. The meet and greet will be held at 6 p.m. at The Swamp Log Artisans Gallery, 229 N. Main St. Doors to the Bishopville Opera House open at 6:30 p.m.

For information, call (803) 484-5090. For more on Patrick Davis, visit his website, [patrickdavismusic.com](http://patrickdavismusic.com).

## Camellia Ball presents eight debutantes at annual event



The Camellia Ball presented eight debutantes at its annual event on Dec. 22, 2017, at Sunset Country Club in Sumter. Front left: front row, debutantes Riley Elizabeth Noonan, Nicolette Kaitlyn Fisher, Mary Caroline Jackson and Anna Christian Lyles; and back row, escorts Daniel Evan Tallon, Daniel Christopher Spencer, William Tradd Watterson Stover, David Allen Tussey, Cecil Kelly Jackson Jr., Harris Ellis Jordan, Brayden Davis Fidler and Bryson Clifford Lyles.

The Camellia Ball presented eight debutantes at its annual event on Dec. 22, 2017, at Sunset Country Club in Sumter. Front left: front row, debutantes Mary Paisley Belk, Catherine Grace Kelley, Mary Margaret Munn and Elizabeth Kent Cunningham; and back row, escorts Coleman Chase Belk, Samuel Larand Watford, Ronald Wilson Kelley, Ramon Grier Schwartz, Brent Allen Carraway, Chandler Durant Stone, Edward Brode McMillan and Coker Workman Lowder. Sophomore sons were Brent Allen Carraway, Samuel Larand Watford and Brandon Scott Spittle.



## WEDDINGS

## Tanner-McDuffie

Emily Catherine Tanner of Sumter and Andrew Scott McDuffie of Durham, North Carolina, were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Tanner Jr. and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dean Phillips and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Tanner Sr., all of Sumter. She graduated in May 2016 from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Communications. She is employed by Sumter Packaging as a marketing associate.

The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Ramsey McDuffie of Sumter and the grandson of Mr. James Griswold Manville and the late Mrs. Helen Scott Manville of Little

Rock, Arkansas, Ms. Tania Love Leon of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bundy McDuffie Jr. of Summerton. He graduated in May 2016 from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences and plans to graduate in May 2018 with a Master of Science in Athletic Leadership. He is employed as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Duke University Football.

The Rev. Nicholas Cheek, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Anna Owens-Sweeney of Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, officiated.

Music was provided by Mr. William Scobee and Mr. Ryan Peters. Escorted by her father, the bride

wore a Karen Willis Holmes Sophie gown of tulle and organza overlay featuring a V-neckline and embellished with embroidered detail on the bodice and a full-circle skirt finished with a beaded belt. She carried a cascading bouquet of white and pink delicate garden roses with hints of blue and lavender, eucalyptus and other greenery, wrapped in cream velvet ribbon.

Mary Elizabeth Edmunds served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Lynn Hill, Erin Christin Littlepage, Mary Francis Newman, Brittani Gail Tanner and Sera Wood Tanner. Elizabeth Gray Edmunds served as flower girl.

Best men were Scott Ramsey McDuffie and Parker Bradley McDuffie. Groomsmen were Keith Taylor Harvin Jr., William Anthony Paruta, Adam Lyle Smotherman, Joseph Cameron Tanner and Samuel Grayson Tanner. Bennett William Edmunds served as ring bearer.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at Sunset Country Club in Sumter.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at The Main Room in Sumter.

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

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The couple is registered at Belk, [www.belk.com](http://www.belk.com); Amazon.com; Crate & Barrel, [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com); Zola.com; and Naomi and Warner in Sumter.



MRS. ANDREW McDUFFIE

## Oliver-Brogdon

CHARLESTON — Christine Lynnette Oliver of Moncks Corner and William Turner Brogdon IV of Sumter were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at James Island Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Footman Oliver III of Moncks Corner and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Oliver Jr. of Pinopolis, Mrs. Charlotte Christine Linville of Clarksburg, West Virginia, and the late Mr. Robert Lee Linville of Bridgeport, West Virginia. She is a Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate, Class of 2018, at South Carolina College of Pharmacy, University of South Carolina.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner Brogdon III and the grandson of Mrs. Lillis Turner Brogdon and the late Mr. William Turner Brogdon Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dupree McGee, all of Sumter. He graduated in 2016 from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences. He is employed by Brogdon Farms of Sumter.

The Rev. Sean Rheume, family pastor of James Island Baptist Church, officiated. The Rev. John Patrick, pastor of Graham Baptist Church in Sumter, performed "The Unity Cross."

Music was provided by Mr. Robert Eugene Caison, pianist; Mr. Asher Michael Overhold, trumpeter; and Mrs. Brooke Clarke Overholt, vocalist.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant Maribella gown — MoriLee by Madeline Gardner — featuring an A-line, crystal-beaded back and waistline with covered buttons down the back and train. She carried a handheld loose-design bouquet featuring red piano garden roses, red peonies, holiday

greenery, Palmetto roses and hints of blush garden roses.

Ms. Kendall Morgan Brogdon and Ms. Rachel Elizabeth Patton served as maids of honor, with Mrs. Jennifer Harrelson Worten as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Alexandra Lee Brimeyer, Ms. Emily James Cain, Ms. Courtney Brianna Dotherow, Mrs. Shelby Ayers Harrelson, Mrs. Olivia Lamb Lowery and Ms. Rachel Noelle O'Connor. Honorary bridesmaids were Ms. Kaci Brooke Linville and Mrs. Megan Frances Payez. Flower girls were Miss Ava Marie Doty and Miss Arabela Rose Hamrick.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen

were Mr. Devin Michael Allen, Mr. Julian Shaw Dixon, Mr. Blake Hunter Graham, Mr. James Laverne Lowery Jr., Mr. Matthew Stavrou McMillian, Mr. Stephen Lewis Patrick, Mr. Grant Trotter Shadwell and Mr. Dayton Berkeley Ward. Usher was Mr. Oliver Eugene Harrelson. Brantley Reed Jones and Austin Kane Payez served as ring bearers.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at The Historic Rice Mill in Charleston.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at The Carolina Girl Yacht in Charleston.

Following a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Alcolu.

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The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com); Target, [www.target.com](http://www.target.com); Amazon.com; Silver Paper in Sumter; and Naomi and Warner in Sumter. The wedding website is <https://www.theknot.com/us/christine-oliver-and-turner-brogdon-dec-2017>.



MRS. WILLIAM BROGDON IV

## McElveen-Price

PAWLEYS ISLAND — Kathryn Watson McElveen and Nicholas Joe Price, both of Sumter, were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at Pawleys Island Chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas McElveen Jr. and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas McElveen and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Burke Watson, all of Sumter. She graduated in 2010 from Coker College with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She is employed as a partner relations coordinator with The Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Joe Price of Clio and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Henry Price of Dillon and the late Mr. and Mrs. Wacon Thurston Rogers of Lake View. He graduated in 2002 from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Turf Grass Management. He is employed as a golf course superintendent at Sunset Country Club in Sumter.

The Rev. Nicholas Theo Cheek, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter, officiated.

Music was provided by Lynn

Auman, violinist; Dennis Gette, bagpipe drummer; William Nuttall, bagpiper; and Walter S. Wilson Jr., pianist.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a Romona Keveza ballgown made of silk shantung with an alencon lace overlay and featuring silk-covered buttons extending down the cathedral train. The gown was paired with a double-layer cathedral veil with an alencon lace edge. She carried a hand-gathered, cascading bouquet of organic garden roses, peonies and lisianthus in whites and creams, with added pops of fuchsia and gradient shades of pink, and fresh herbs, seasonal evergreens and gray foliage including seeded eucalyptus.

Alex Margaret Richardson served as maid of honor, with Bronwyn Kelson McElveen as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Danielle Brooke Basham, Mary Elizabeth Bultman, Amanda Price Denton, Neelie Carol Rodgers, Emily Roddey Sawyer and Kathleen Welch Shaw. Adelaide Watson McElveen served as flower girl.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Jonathan David Denton, Travis Wayne Dowdy, Ralph Lee Herndon, Joseph



MRS. NICHOLAS PRICE

Thomas McElveen III, William Holmes McLaurin, Ronald William Rice Jr. and Brian Daniel Wilkinson. Junior groomsmen were Josiah David Denton and Baxter Kenneth Denton.

Also participating were Anna Daniel McLaurin, Ann McDowell Calloway Prevost, Kathryn Lemmon Parker and Mary Grace Watson.

The bride's parents held the reception at DeBordieu Club in Georgetown.

The bridegroom's parents held the rehearsal party at Frank's Outback on Pawleys Island.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Sumter.

## ENGAGEMENT

## Gamble-Waynick

Mrs. Jeannie Gamble of Greeleyville and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Waynick of Sumter announce the engagement of their children, respectively, Jennifer Lynn Gamble of Greeleyville and Matthew Neil Waynick of Sumter.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Mr. Kenneth Wayne Gamble of Greeleyville and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gamble of Greeleyville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hopkins of Sumter. She graduated from Florence-Darlington Technical College with an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technology. She is employed as a medical laboratory technician at Select Laboratories in Manning.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. Joseph Waynick and the late Mrs. Thelma Waynick of Sumter and the late Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cobb of Cassatt. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. He is employed as a physical education teacher by Clarendon School District 2.

The wedding is planned for April 21, 2018 at Sans Souci Farms in Sumter.

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The couple is registered at Belk, [www.belk.com](http://www.belk.com); and Bed, Bath and Beyond, [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com).



MR. WAYNICK, MISS GAMBLE

## CELEBRATIONS POLICY

Engagement, wedding, birth and wedding anniversaries (25th, 50th and above) of local interest are published on Sundays except during holiday / vacation weeks. The normal deadline is noon on the preceding Monday.

Forms may be obtained at *The Sumter Item* or downloaded from [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com). Click on the drop-down arrow next to the Lifestyle tab on the navigation bar of the site.

When filling out the form, please type or print all information, paying particular attention to names. Do not print in all capital letters.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

## Booth-Dorr

Kevin and Terry Booth of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianna Booth of Charlotte, to Christopher Dorr of Charlotte, son of George and Persia Dorr of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Billy and Pauline Lane and the late James M. and Betty Booth, all of Sumter. She graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management. She is employed as social and wedding catering sales manager at Kimpton Tryon Park Hotel in Charlotte.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Janice Munden of Virginia Beach and Elena Castillo of Queens, New York. He graduated from The College of William and Mary with a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting. He is employed as accounting manager at Boston National Title in Charlotte.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 11, 2018, at Dalzell United Methodist Church in Dalzell.



MISS BOOTH, MR. DORR

## Scott-Warr

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ray Scott of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Rachel Scott of Spartanburg, to Lewis Hartwell Warr of Columbia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hartwell Warr of Alcolu.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of June McCaskill Miles and the late Jack Miles of Rembert and Ray Scott and the late Sylvia Brunson Scott of Sumter. She graduated from Converse College with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Spanish and from Francis Marion University with a Master in Applied Psychology and a Specialist Degree in School Psychology. She is employed by Spartanburg District 7 as a school psychologist.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lewis Jr. of Chesterfield and the late Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Warr Jr. of Gable. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and attends the University of South Carolina School of Law.

The wedding is planned for June 23, 2018, at Summerall Chapel, The Citadel, in Charleston.



MR. WARR, MISS SCOTT

## EDUCATION NEWS

## Sumter School District

## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Sumter School District will join districts throughout the state and nation to celebrate School Board Recognition Month. The theme "Superheroes for Public Education" highlights the unique role school boards play in championing and advocating for quality education and the ownership they take for governing their local public schools.

School board members are elected/appointed by the people in their local communities to represent their voices and to ensure the success of schools and students and communicating the needs of the school district to the public.

The Board of Trustees for Sumter School District are: Chairman the Rev. Daryl F. McGhaney, Area 5; Vice Chairwoman Karen D. Michalik, Area 2; Clerk of the Board Dr. Barbara R. Jackson, Area 7; Linda V. Alston, Area 1; Lucille S. McQuilla, Area 3; Dr. John B. Hilton Jr., Area 4; the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Canty Sr., Area 6; William L. Byrd, CPA, member at-large; Bonnie S. Disney, member at-large; and Jane R. Allen, Shaw Air Force Base representative.

## ALICE DRIVE MIDDLE SOARS OUT OF THIS WORLD

It's official! Alice Drive Middle School, a nationally accredited STEM school, will have a flight experiment for the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program Mission 12 to the International Space Station. Alice Drive Middle School is one of 31 sites selected throughout the nation, Canada and Brazil to participate in the SSEP Mission 12.

Sixth-grade students Ashlin Farmer, Alana Garrick, Alyse King and Mary Brooke Mooneyham formally announced their flight experiment, The Effects of Microgravity on Seed Germination in Sodium Polyacrylate. The experiment was selected from more than 100 proposals submitted by students from Alice Drive Middle.

A local review board of business partners, professors, science professionals and Sumter School District educators selected the top three experiments. A national review board, convened by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education in Washington, D.C., selected the final experiment to represent Alice Drive Middle School on the 2018 Mission 12 spaceflight to the International Space Station. The students will have the opportunity to conduct their experiment on Earth while astronauts on the International Space Station conduct the same experiment.

The SSEP is spearheaded by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, a nonprofit organization that inspires the next generation of scientists and engineers by engaging their natural human impulse to be curious and explore. "If we as a nation are to compete in the 21st century, we must begin to teach science as a process of discovery, like science itself," said Center Director Dr. Jeff Goldstein, adding that the student competition follows the approach used by NASA to select research projects designed by professional scientists.

The Student Spaceflight Experiment Program is a program of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education in the U.S. and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education internationally. It is enabled through a strategic partnership with DreamUp, PBC and NanoRacks LLC, which are working in partnership with NASA under a Space Act Agreement as part of the utilization of the International Space Station as a National Laboratory.



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Sumter School District Board of Trustees will be honored during School Board Recognition Month.

## BUS DRIVER RECRUITMENT FAIR

Sumter School District will host a Bus Driver Recruitment Fair on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the District Office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. No experience is necessary, but interested candidates must have a valid S.C. driver's license, a clean driving record and a clean background check. Those who join the transportation team will receive a paid four-day training. Other benefits include opportunities for advancement and insurance and retirement benefits.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS ANNOUNCED

The following are inclement weather makeup days for Sumter School District: Jan. 19 (due to Hurricane Irma), Feb. 19 (due to snow/ice day), and March 29 (due to snow/ice day). These days were previously listed as in-service/workdays and are listed on our calendar for inclement weather makeup days. The board voted at its last meeting to waive the third day that was missed due to the snow/ice.

State law mandates that school districts use the inclement weather days indicated on their calendars as makeup days. School districts are required to make up the first three days. If more than three days are missed, the local school board of trustees, by a majority vote, may waive no more than three days. — *Shelly Galloway*

## University of South Carolina Sumter



## ANTE UP AT CASINO NIGHT

On Friday, Feb. 16, the USC Sumter Nettles Gymnasium will be transformed into a Las Vegas-style casino where attendees will play for wonderful prizes donated by area businesses.

The Ante Up Casino Night sign-in will begin at 6 p.m. in the Nettles Lobby. Game play runs from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with prize distribution at 10 p.m. Guests should dress to impress and bring their poker faces. Casino games such as black jack, craps, roulette, poker and bingo will be available to guests, where they can earn chips to win prizes. Guests will enjoy beer and wine, a signature drink, \$500 in chips, a catered dinner and music to dance the night away.

All proceeds from the Ante Up Casino Night will benefit USC Sumter Athletics. Through this event, guests can help raise funds to support student athletes through scholarships, equipment improvements, facility enhancements and special programs.

Tickets are now available for purchase online. Cost to attend the event is \$50 per person. Tickets are limited. Attendees must be at least 21, and dress is cocktail attire. In addition to the casino games, guests can bid on

various sports artifacts set up by a professional silent auction company. Door prizes from local businesses will be awarded throughout the night, and bingo will be available for those wanting to play a different game.

Once tickets are purchased, a list will be created for the night of the event so no actual ticket is necessary. Ante Up provides all the fun of a casino with no risk. Players get tickets based on their success at the games. Prizes are awarded through a "bag raffle," where players select the prize(s) they want to win by placing their tickets in a bag or box near the prize. And players don't even need to know what they are doing to have fun. The best time to learn games like craps, poker or roulette is early in the event, while others are still learning.

Thank you to presenting sponsors Let's Party and Food with a Flair Catering. Table sponsorships are available. Please contact Athletic Fundraising Coordinator Christie Stutz at (803) 938-3892 or [cstutz@uscsumter.edu](mailto:cstutz@uscsumter.edu) for more information. — *Misty Hatfield*

## Morris College

## LOSS OF A LEGEND

Morris College is mourning the loss of its beloved President Emeritus, Dr. Luns C. Richardson. Richardson died in his hometown of Hartsville on Jan. 13. Richardson served Morris College and the Sumter community for 43 years prior to his retirement in June of 2017. The flag currently hangs at half staff as students, family and community members mourn the death of a leader, father figure and friend. Services were held on Friday and Saturday.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morris College encourages all students to apply for the following scholarships with upcoming deadlines:

- Kia Motors America STEM/Sustainability Scholarship, Jan. 26;
- Ray Charles Endowed Scholarship, Jan. 26;
- UNCF-Anthem Corporate Scholars Program, Feb. 17;
- UNCF-Carnival Corporate Scholars Program, Jan. 19;
- HCN Apricity Resources Scholars Program, Feb. 22;
- UNCF/Alliance Data Scholarship and Internship, Jan. 26;
- CVS Pharmacy Inc. Business Scholarship, March 30; and
- CVS Pharmacy Inc. Pharmacy Scholarship, March 30.

## ASSEMBLY

The Nu Gamma chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will host its annual Founders Day assembly on Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Tabitha D. Jones, a native of Lake View. She is a multi-business and nonprofit owner, educator and a motivational speaker.

## MORRIS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Hornets will play the following

games at the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center: Men's Hornets vs. St. Andrews College, Monday at 7 p.m.; Women's Hornets vs. Johnson and Wales University, Tuesday at 6 p.m.; Women's Hornets vs Fisk University (Homecoming), 2 p.m. Monday; and Men's Hornets vs Fisk University (Homecoming), at 4 p.m. Saturday.

## MORRIS COLLEGE HOMECOMING

Morris College will host its annual Homecoming today through Saturday. The week of festivities will kick off with a Gospelfest in the Neal-Jones Auditorium at 6 p.m. today. Saturday's Homecoming games against Fisk University will feature both the Women and Men Hornet basketball teams at 2 and 4 p.m. respectively in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. The Parents Day Welcome Brunch will also be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Daniels Dining Hall. A list of the official homecoming week activities can be found on the college website, [www.morris.edu](http://www.morris.edu). — *Anika V. Cobb*

## Campus Corner

## COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

CONWAY — Coastal Carolina University has announced that 814 students made the President's List for high academic achievement for the 2017 fall semester. To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point average and must be enrolled full time.

Local students on the President's List are:

- **Sarah McClinnis** of Sumter, a theater arts major;
- **Marcus McLeod** of Dalzell, an intelligence and national security studies major;
- **Edward Neiswonger** of Dalzell, an accounting major; and
- **Gabrielle Richbow** of Rembert, an early childhood education major.

## CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON — Area students graduated from Clemson University at the Dec. 21, 2017, ceremonies.

They are:

- **Miriam E. Anderson** of Bishopville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Sciences;
- **Matthew R. Fountain** of Bishopville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Mechanization and Business;
- **Chase Fitzgerald Smith** of Bishopville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management;
- **Kayla E. Wallace** of Bishopville, who graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences;
- **Davis R. Patrick** of Summerton, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Mechanization and Business;
- **Natasha R. Baldwin** of Sumter, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Communications;
- **Mari-Douglas Nevels** of Sumter, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management;
- **Sydne Rae Posey** of Sumter, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science.
- **Sarah C. Smith** of Sumter, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing;
- **Robert S. Turner** of Sumter, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Science and Management; and
- **Hunter J. Young** of Sumter, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology.

## KING'S COLLEGE

WILKES-BARRE, Pennsylvania — Dr. Joseph Evan, provost and vice president for academic affairs at King's College, recently announced that **Hannah Jenkins** of Sumter has qualified for the fall 2017 dean's list.

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\$139,000- Immaculate 3BR/2BA, 2013 built, granite countertops. Minutes from Shaw and all shopping, 2 car garage and a big backyard. MUST SEE! Call Pamela 702-266-7450



**2013 COLUMBIA CIRCLE**  
3BR/1BA bright and cheerful home close to shopping and schools, new roof & carpet, good buy for 1st time buyer or investor \$75,000 Call Retta 803-968-3925



**2165 INDIANGRASS**  
\$234,900. Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA beautiful brick home in the newest phase of Beach Forest! Comm. Pool & Clubhouse! Hwd floors throughout, SS appl., granite, oak stairway! Call Tina 803-609-8628



**53 FORD LANE**  
Amazing kitchen w/Granite, custom cabinets, SS appliances. 2 tiled BA, 4 spacious BR. Lg front porch, screened bk porch. Perfect country living! \$75,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961



**644 MATTISON**  
4BR/3BA home w/LR with fireplace, DR, family room w/fireplace, sunporch, located on huge 1.54 acre lot on Second Mill- \$299,000 Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409



**39 S. PURDY ST.**  
Cute colorful house has 2 bed 1 bath, 1300 sqft, close to historic downtown. A must see! \$38,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961



**3375 CONGRUITY ROAD**  
3BR/2BA home sitting on 5.36 acres! Hwd floors in living room & formal DR, all appl. Convey, 2 car carport, 3 car detached garage/workshop! \$159,900 Call Gwen 803-464-9154



**2695 FOXCROFT CIRCLE**  
\$159,000-3BR/2BA Open split plan w/2car garage, granite, smooth ceilings, maple custom cabinets, patio, new construction, cathedral & more. Call Susan 803-464-5900



**2125 INDIANGRASS**  
Worthing F by Mungo. Two story brick home 6 BR/4BA, FLR, FDR, lg FR opens to the kitchen & breakfast area, WIC, Master suite, butlers pantry. \$306,377 Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628



**2741 POWHATAN DRIVE**  
Great house in great neighborhood! 4BR/2.5BA, LR, DR, Den w/lp, eat-in kitchen solid surface kitchen counters, beautiful yard! Call Mary Alice to see 803-491-5969 \$259,900



**840 WEEKS STREET**  
Priced to sell AS IS! Investors welcome! Bring all Offers! Needs TLC. Tenant rights apply. \$16,500 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062.



**2605 CIRCLEVIEW**  
Great house! 4BR/2BA Brick home with a gas log fireplace, room, dbl garage, lake lot, backyard overlooking pond access. Call Mary Alice to show you this lovely home 803-491-4969 \$189,900



**6700 HIDDEN HAVEN**  
Fabulous 4BR/2.5BA home in Beech Creek. Hdw flooring, granite - countertops, stainless appl., 9' ceilings, sprinkler system \$280,000 Call Gwen 803-464-9154



**25 FREDERICK COURT**  
Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA, near Shaw AFB on a cul-de-sac in Heathwood 5D, New Paint, landscaping & kitchen flooring, 2 car garage, stand up freezer. Home warranty & new Termite Bond. \$144,900. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961



**5555 SCHELLIN DR.**  
\$229,000-Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA, sits on almost half acre. Hardwood flooring on 1st floor, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, covered back porch w/hot tub. Call Reggie 803-312-5961



**1697 MUSKET TRAIL**  
\$182,000-better than new! 4BR/2.5BA, 2 car garage, fenced backyard, spacious master bedroom and closets, hardwood floors and granite. Call Pamela 702-266-7450



**578 NATIONAL STREET**  
3BR/1BA all brick home on a huge lot. Garage shed with electricity. House is in Move In condition. All appliances convey. Washer & dryer too! Sold AS IS. \$73,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961



**3720 VINCA STREET**  
\$190,000-4BR/2BA Brick home with a gas log fireplace, big BR's, bonus room in upper level, fenced back yard, kitchen costume window seat, extra pantry space. Call Pamela 702-266-7450



**17994 HIGHWAY 301**  
5BR/5BA/2 half BA Plantation home with over 6,000sqft, 22 acres with a POND! Upper scale Appointments, 3,000sqft building with 3 car garage & full kitchen & BA. \$785,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**102 RUNNYMEDE BLVD**  
Beautiful 3BR/2.5BA white brick home overlooking pond, 2 fireplaces, pool, 2 car garage, fenced backyard \$189,000 Call Reggie 803-312-5961



**122 S. MAIN STREET E. MAYESVILLE**  
\$175,000-Make this house your home. Needs TLC. Great Potential! Investors welcome. Sold As Is! Make an offer! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062

**LAND SECTION**

- Rabbit Den Road** - 33 Acres for Sale! Great for hunting and Timber. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 ..... \$98,000
- 900 Andiron Drive** - 1.24ac beautiful wooded lot- priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 ..... \$64,900
- 957 Club Lane** - .83 acre lot located in Club Forest Subdivision. Beautiful view of Sunset Country Club Golf Course. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$49,500
- 409 E. Calhoun Street** - .88 acre available for commercial use. Great location. .... Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961
- 915 Club Lane** - Great buildable lot close to Sunset Country Club. Call Renee Baird @ 803-491-8023. .... \$39,000
- Wedgfield Road** - 11.6 acres. Beautiful wooded tract. Great home site. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 ..... \$69,500
- 1718 Hubb Kelly Road, Cassatt SC** - 25.5 Acres. All necessary utilities on property. .... Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 1105 Summit Drive** - .89 acres located in a Prestigious Gated Community! The Summit offers private executive housing, large lots all on a gated cul-de-sac! \$64,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 1135/1145 Tiger Lane** - 2 Lots available across from Shaw AFB! Good business location near heavy traffic area. Dwelling on property is not livable. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 ..... \$56,000
- 6045 Brookland** - Wooded 2.44 acre lot in Brookland Subdivision, Front of lot is effectively level, back slopes down to stream. Great area to build 1500 SqFt home. No Mobile Homes. Reggie 803-312-5961
- 355 Albemarle** - Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000
- Waterfront lot with permission for a pier**. Lot 14 is owned and deeded outright. Lot 14 is 177 acre and is leased from Santee Cooper for less than \$400 per year. \$94,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 6340 Sylvia Rd.** \$6,950. 1 acre lot perfect for a mobile home! Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- UNDER CONTRACT: 0 Hwy 521 N.** Beautiful corner wooded lot waiting for you to build your dream home! \$17,500. Call Gwen 803-460-9154
- 1221 Haynesworth Mill Circle.** Beautiful 1 acre Waterfront lot on Fabulous Lake Marion. Ready for your dream home! Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154
- 6700 Camden Hwy.** Large lot available. 1.32 Acres. \$7,950. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961
- 3650 Broad St.** 7.2 acres west of Loring Mill Rd. Priced to sell. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409
- UNDER CONTRACT: 2020 Loring Mill Rd.** 10.9 acres. Lots of front footage. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 974 Meadowbrook Rd.** Wooded lot in Green Acres subdivision off of Red Bay - Good home site. \$12,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 956 Meadowbrook.** 9 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay - Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 3595 Preserve Ct.** 16.49 best tract in Lee's Preserve. Great home site, very private. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 360 E. Red Bay Rd.** 30 Acres zoned light industrial wholesale. City water and sewer to site. Good location for small industrial use. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- Forest Lakes Area.** 8.47 Acres. Homesites. \$139,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969
- 3625 Furman Road.** 5.29 Acres. Build your dream home or plant your favorite crop. Land is behind 3625 Furman Rd. \$29,995. Call Reggie 803-312-5961.
- 3520 W. Brewington Rd.** Beautiful 3.09 acre wooded lot would make a great spot to start your dream home. \$20,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 0 Damascus Rd.** Build your dream home! Only six, 1 Acre lots remain in beautiful Tiffany Gardens. See listing agent for Covenants and restrictions. \$30,000. Call Reggie Sumter 803-312-5961
- 3920 First Ave. and 3960 First Ave.** \$3,000 each. Two lots for sale! Make an offer today!! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 0 Floodtown Rd & 8945 Hwy 261 S.** Two lots for sale! Excellent deal! \$11,000 for both Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 13 Marshall St.** Vacant lot available in Historic District. \$10,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 3200 Homestead Rd.** 1.30 acres available. Mobile home friendly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 4095 Fourth Ave Mayesville.** 1 Acre lot. \$6,000 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 523 W. Oakland.** Beautiful 20 acre corner lot. Sold as is. \$3,500 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 36 Robinson St.** Land for sale! 1.18 acres. Sold AS IS! Make an offer today! \$4,500. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 708 Maney St.** \$10,000! 22 acres with city water and sewer. Don't miss out! Make an offer today! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 6 Wen Le Ct.** 37 Acre lot for sale. City water and sewer. Two storage sheds and located on a cul de sac. Make an offer today. \$25,000. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder 803-757-8062
- 202 N Wise Drive.** Make an offer!! .34 Acre \$18,000. Location! Location! Location! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 1 William Brunson Rd.** 4.68 acres in Summerton suitable for farming! \$29,900. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 130 Maney St.** Lot available .24 acres. Mobile homes welcome. \$5,500. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- UNDER CONTRACT: 1350 N Main St.** 40 acre lot for sale! \$14,000 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- UNDER CONTRACT: 175 Nautical Dr.** - Located in The Cove. Over half an acre! One of the large lots in this upscale sought after subdivision. Build your custom executive home here! \$55,000 Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900
- 850 Andiron-Beautiful** - .84 acre wooded building lot in popular Loringwood Subdivision. City water, sewer, and underground utilities available. \$56,900 Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969
- 1060 Creekside Dr.** \$25,000 3.04 acres available to build your dream home/Manufactured Home. Mobile home welcome. Make offer today! Near White Oak Landing. Call Reggie 803-312-5961
- 118 S. Main Street E. Mayesville.** \$10,000-.70 acres Beautiful location on S. Main St. East in Mayesville. Make an offer!! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062
- 5915 Brookland Drive** 2.95 acres Nice Residential lot in Brookland Plantation. Septic tank permit on file and covenants. Seller has done some site work - \$30,000. Call Renee 803-491-8023
- 1350 N. Main Street** ..... \$14,000 (land)
- 2820 Watermark Dr** - 2.24 acres, fabulous ready to build lot backing to trees/woods! There is some topography here! This isn't your boring lot call Susan Weston 803-464-5900. .... \$15,000
- 2810 Watermark Dr** - 3.68 acres ready to build lot! There are beautiful trees, backs to woods! Some topography here & a 2.24 acre lot is also for sale next door. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900 ..... \$20,000

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## October...Top Sales: Tina Richardson Top Listings: Retta Sanders

 <b>2870 W. BREWINGTON RD</b> 3BR/2BA Brick home on lg lot, landscaped yard shed, storage, close to Shaw AFB, shopping & schools. Motivated Seller. Bring all offers! \$79,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>823 ANTLERS DR.</b> One of a kind Ranch w/2954 sqft. 4BR/3.5BA, granite, wood, wet bar, fireplace, formal & 2 family rooms. \$225,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900.	 <b>210 E. BEE STREET</b> Great starter home/investment property! 3BR/1.5BA brick home priced to sell. Won't last long at \$44,995. Fenced yard with shed. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>1756 RUGER DR</b> \$152,161-Mungo built home. 4BR/2.5BA Foyer leads to stairs, 4 bedrooms upstairs along with utility room. 2 car garage opens up Kitchen and Family room, porch in rear. Call Tina 803-609-8628	 <b>856 GORDONIA DRIVE</b> spacious 4BR/2BA home in beautiful Sunway Knolls Subdivision. Large lot, convenient to schools, shopping, Shaw AFB. \$139,995 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>2801 DBAR CIRCLE</b> \$135,000 New all brick construction with 2 car garage, 3BR/2BA, laminate, ceramic tile in bath, carpet in bedrooms, covered back and front porch. \$135,000-call Renee 803-491-8023
 <b>520 ADGER LANE</b> \$289,000 Beautiful 2 story brick home on over an acre. Master on 1st floor, 2 car side load, sunroom, firepl, fenced, granite, 9ft smooth, tankless water heater Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>30 S PURDY STREET</b> Nice starter home/investment property available. Home is convenient to everything! Priced to sell quickly. \$20,500 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>2849 OLD FIELD RD.</b> \$183,926-Mungo built home. 4BR/2.5BA, bonus RM, stunning kitchen w/island, granite, SS appliances, built in sur sound, master on main, 2 car gar, landscaped. Call Tina 803-609-8628	 <b>135 PLANTERS DR</b> \$149,900- 3BR/2.5BA, 1806 sqft, fireplace in GR, formal DR, granite, tile, deck, fenced, patio, large storage bldg. & more Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>2705 PINTAIL DR.</b> \$219,000 4BR/3BA Remodeled top to bottom!!! All New granite, floors, paint, appliances, cabinets re-done, Beautiful & turn key ready!!! Screen porch privacy fenced, oversized garage, huge rooms!!	 <b>70 PRESTWICK CT.</b> \$199,000 4BR/2BA Beautiful custom all the way!! Built in's, large kitchen breakfast room. Brick wall privacy surround raised patio! Fenced yard, A must see to appreciate!! Call Susan 803-464-5900
 <b>4318 WHITE OAK DRIVE</b> Manning SC White Oak II - Nice older home on waterfront w/dock, 4BR/2BA, elec. Heat, window a/c, screened porch, deeded lot \$269,000 Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969	 <b>1234 IVEY STREET</b> Cute, very well kept home w/3BR/1.5BA-all appl to convey(recently purchased) and washer/dryer-Beautifully landscaped, workshop/storage bldg. \$89,900 Call Gwen 803-460-9154	 <b>134 LITTLE JOHN LN</b> \$109,500 -3BR/2BA Home on huge lot, white picket fence around entire lot, front of home is brick, fireplace, lg. storage shed in backyard. Move-in-Ready. Call Reggie 803-312-5961	 <b>4555 BACON HILL RD</b> \$105,000- 9.84 acres w/underpinned DW, 1.926 sq. ft. split bedroom plan, formal & fam rm w/fireplace, screen porch, covered deck, fenced area, shed. Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>3841 MOSELEY DRIVE</b> 2 story home w/ 4BR/2.5BA and huge loft, open kitchen w/ granite,eating area,lg family room w/ fireplace, master w/ vaulted ceilings. \$191,984 Call Tina 803-609-8628	 <b>3849 MOSELEY DRIVE</b> The McDowell A built by Mungo. Two-story 5BR/2.5BA home, guest suite on main floor, Master bedroom connects to master bath with WIC \$181,550 Call Tina 803-609-8628
 <b>880 ILLERY ROAD</b> 3BR all brick home avail. ultimate man-cave detached in 24x24 fully wired for cable, internet, heating and air. Quiet living minutes from town, priced to sell. \$93,500 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>70 KENTWOOD CT.</b> \$148,500 3BR/2BA Cul-de-sac property! Fenced backyard, wooden deck, lg kitchen and fireplace, spacious master BD, private shower/walking closet. MUST SEE! Call Pamela 702-266-7450	 <b>2190 WATSONG RUN</b> 5BR/4BA new 2 story brick home in The Cove. FLR, FR, gourmet kitchen with island, granite, surround sound, sunroom, HW floors. Must see! \$372,989 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628	 <b>14 E. WILLIAMS ST.</b> 4BR/2BA all brick home on corner lot available. Lots of space and priced to sell quickly! \$55,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961	 <b>2485 BERTHA CIRCLE</b> Completely private-country living at its best. 1 acre completely fenced w/gated entry. 3BR/3BA, all kit. Appl convey,USA eligible close to Continental Tire \$125,000 Call Renee 803-491-8023	 <b>9 HAILE STREET</b> Healthleywood Sub, 3BR/2BA home in excellent condition, ready to move in! LR/DR/Den/dbl cpt, new roof \$139,900 Call Mary Alice to see 803-491-4969
 <b>2615 FOXCROFT CIRCLE</b> \$159,000-3BR/2BA open split plan w/2 car garage, granite, smooth ceilings, cathedral, 2 sinks in master bath, maple cabinets, new construction! Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>2625 FOXCROFT CIRCLE</b> \$173,000-4BR/2BA split plan very open popular floor plan! Cathedral Ceilings in great room, granite, smooth ceilings! MJ Custom features! Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>70 PRESTWICK COURT</b> \$199,000-Beautiful 4BR/2BA, 2161 sqft custom home!! Raised Patio & brick wall surround, fenced, large kitchen, formal dining room. Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>145 NAUTICAL</b> Built by Mungo! The Patterson B, Elite Collection , Huge Master suite downstairs W/sitting room, 2 lg WIC, 6BR/3.5 Baths plus bonus room. Granite, island, ss. \$384,261 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628	 <b>4205 ZACHERY RD</b> \$15,000- Mobil Home, 2BR/2BA, 1 car carport, storage shed, "Sold As Is" Call Reggie 803-312-5961	 <b>131 NELSON CIRCLE MANNING</b> \$19,995-2BR/1BA Investment property. Sold "As Is" Needs renovating. Call Reggie 803-312-5961
 <b>2090 SANS SOUCI</b> Magnificent 2 story, 5BR/3BA custom home in the woods. 9ft smooth ceilings, sunroom, 2 family rooms, 3 car garage. Master dnstairs \$329,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900	 <b>702 REYNOLDS ROAD</b> 4BR/2BA Beautiful home in wonderful neighborhood, hwd floors, c/t baths,updated kitch./ appl., custom drapes, back porch, too many extras to list\$225,000 Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969	 <b>705 BREEZY BAY LANE</b> 5BR/4BA beautiful home in Timberline Sub. Vaulted ceilings,new flooring in entire house,repainted in beige,patio pergola,screen porch \$340,000 Call Mack 803-491-5409	 <b>5023 HWY 301</b> \$250,000-4BR/2BA Charming home on 2.01 acres backs to pond!! 30x64 shop, 2 car gar, 9ft ceilings, split plan, porches, huge kitchen, whirlpool in master, bonus room Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>1929 LINWOOD STREET</b> \$224,900-4BR/2BA Custom features throughout, hwd floors in living areas, ceramic tile, vaulted ceilings in GR, open fl plan, lg master bath dual sinks, garden tub. Call Tina 803-609-8628	 <b>2580 MAIDENHAIR LANE</b> Cute 3BR/2BA home in Ginkgo Hills- split floor plan, all kitchen appliances convey, new laminate flooring, very close to Shaw! \$141,900 Call Gwen 803-460-9154
 <b>19 WACTOR STREET</b> \$159,000-3BR/2BA Renovated home. Workshop, fenced, 2 additional storage buildings, patio, ft porch, hwd floors and tile, granite and updates. Must see!! Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>16 FRANK CLARK ST.</b> \$215,000- Charming 2720sqft cottage! 3BR,3BA, formal & huge open kitchen/family room. Mud room, office & more. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900	 <b>5825 LOST CREEK DRIVE</b> 3BR/2BA near Shaw AFB! Updated kitchen and bathrooms w/ceramic tile,granite counter!Lg fenced yard,wood burning fp, stainless steel appl. \$126,999 Call Adrianna 803-406-5609	 <b>3265 POPPY CT.</b> \$349,500-Beautiful home in Timberline w/brick & Vinyl fence, pool, 5BR/3.5BA, 3230 sqft, gas cooking, fireplace, screened porch, 9 & 11 ft smooth ceilings. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900	 <b>403 HAYNESWORTH STREET</b> \$185,000 - Beautiful Cape w/ formal living and dining room. Hardwoods and ceramic tile everywhere! 4BR/3BA 2129 sq. ft. Call Susan 803-464-5900	 <b>2070 SANS SOUCI</b> \$323,000. Custom 5BR/3BA, 3680 sqft, shiplap, granite, hardwood, fireplace, 9ft smooth ceilings, 3 car garage, 1st floor BR/BA , family room. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900
 <b>1035 WATERWAY DRIVE</b> Brick home on large lot! 3BR/BA, oversized 2 car garage, FP sunporch. Home is move in ready. Sold "As Is". \$139,900. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>30 WHITE PINE COURT</b> Beautiful 3BR/2BA patio home close to shopping, restaurants, and schools. Priced to Sell at \$109,900! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062.	 <b>215 HIDDEN BAY</b> Great brick home available! 3BR/2BA in established neighborhood, lg backyard, move in ready, priced to sell! \$139,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	 <b>3255 ROYAL COLWOOD LAKEWOOD LINKS</b> \$267,000-Lg 4BR/3.5BA Great view of golf course pond, 2.5 car gar. Flooring is Bamboo, vinyl plank & carpet. This was a custom built home Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969	 <b>O LENS-HEAVENS ROAD</b> (Land) Over 2 acres ready for you to make your own. \$35,000 Call Jennifer 803-757-8062	 <b>8 BARTON STREET</b> \$29,000-Charming home 3BR/2BA that is Move-in-ready!! Sold as is! Make an offer!! Call Jennifer 803-757-8062

### COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

**3180 BROAD STREET** - Tenants are on a month-to-month rental agreement. Sewer is available and will need to be extended to the property. 24.36 acres at the corner of Broad and Carter Road. Call Mack for more information. ....\$3,650,000

**655 & 657 W. LIBERTY** - 1.07 acres of land on busy commercial rd. Ideal location for new commercial dev. Call Mack at 491-5409 for details..... \$115,000

**Alice Drive & Hwy 521** - 7.44 ac of commercial property- ideal for development- located near Lowes and Walmart. Call Mack Kolb for details ..... \$1,250,000

**1324 Pocalia** - SW corner of Hwy 521 South and S. Guignard Parkway. 4.64 acres- Frontage on 3 Roads, signalized intersection; ideal site for convenience store and fast food restaurant. Call Mack ..... \$1,400,000

**10 N Washington** - 608 acre lot at the Signalized Intersection; Located across the street from Tuomey Hosp; Ideal location for Dr Office. Call Mack ..... \$187,500

**Mayfield Drive** - 33.14 acres of beautiful soil! 56 preliminary lots already platted with 5 of those lots surveyed & approved! Residential home sites. Call Susan Weston..... \$285,000

**4627 Blanche** - Burgess Glen Mobile Home Park! 191 total lots, 121 mobile homes! Fabulous rental business. Income production in place & room to grow! Call Susan Weston..... \$1,500,000

**Hwy 15 South & Pack Road** - Located on Hwy 15 S. next to Bojangles Restaurant. Ideal commercial site, high traffic, total of 450' frontage. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409

**70 Swamp Fox Run** - 2.22 ac. zoned Light Industrial-great site for building Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 ..... \$94,900

**508 E. Calhoun St Ext** - 4380 sq ft office and warehouse space on 2.2 acr Ideal for contractor. .... \$119,000

**651 W. Liberty** - .65 acres of land zoned general commercial. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409..... \$67,500

**3720 Broad Street** - 1.58acres near Shaw AFB. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409..... \$69,000

**Medical office building** - 5,022 sqft- 10 Exam rooms, 4 private offices, large waiting room and secretarial area..... \$450,000

**UNDER CONTRACT: 247 Bultman Drive** - 5.66 Acre tract, Located on the NE corner of Bultman Drive and Rast St. Zoned as General Commercial. Utilities: City Water, Sewer, Natural Gas. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409..... \$395,000

**1050 S. Pike W.** - High Traffic location! Facing 378, next to 521, close to Broad St. Former motorcycle/ATV dirship w/retail, office, shop & fenced areas. Call Susan Miller @ 720-6066..... \$695,000

**806 Market St. Camden** - Commercial Lot available. Approximately .25 acres. Great location in downtown Camden. Selling Agent/Buyer to verify size of lot. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 ..... \$19,500

**1985 N. Guignard Dr.** .98 Acres in a high traffic area. Good office or retail location. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409..... \$164,900

**Mallwood** - Total of 6 lots in this package @ \$12,000 each. Approved for duplexes or triplexes. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409..... \$72,000

**465 Rast St.** Good professional office location. Ideal for medical office space. Located behind the Sumter Mall. .... Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$495,000

**2830 Broad St.** 1.75 acres Located next to Ashley Furniture. Zoned general commercial. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409..... \$695,000

**1980 McCrays Mill Rd.** 1.84 acres located next to Walgreens. Zoned Commercial. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409..... \$350,000

**1140 N. Guignard Drive.** .57 acres Zoned General Commercial. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409..... \$65,000

**UNDER CONTRACT: 345-365 Rast St.** - 4.71 acres of Commercial Property located behind Sumter Mall. ....Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409.

**501-517 S. Lafayette** . 1.49 acres zoned General Commercial. ....Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409

**353 E Red Bay Rd.** 9.5 acres Zoned light Industrial wholesale. Great place to build a shop. \$18,500. .... Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

**2240 Peach Orchard Rd.** Great location for retail store or daycare! 4,200 sqft Building on property needs TLC. \$149,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961.

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# Anti-smoking plan may kill cigarettes — and save Big Tobacco

BY MATTHEW PERRONE  
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — Imagine if cigarettes were no longer addictive and smoking itself became almost obsolete; only a tiny segment of Americans still lit up. That's the goal of an unprecedented anti-smoking plan being carefully fashioned by U.S. health officials.

But the proposal from the Food and Drug Administration could have another unexpected effect: opening the door for companies to sell a new generation of alternative tobacco products, allowing the industry to survive — even thrive — for generations to come.

The plan puts the FDA at the center of a long-standing debate about so-called “reduced-risk” products, such as e-cigarettes, and whether they should have a role in anti-smoking efforts, which have long focused exclusively on getting smokers to quit.

“This is the single most controversial — and frankly, divisive — issue I’ve seen in my 40 years studying tobacco control policy,” said Kenneth Warner, professor emeritus at University of Michigan’s school of public health.

The FDA plan is two-fold: drastically cut nicotine levels in cigarettes so that they are essentially non-addictive. For those who can’t or won’t quit, allow lower-risk products that deliver nicotine without the deadly effects of traditional cigarettes.

This month the government effort is poised to take off. The FDA is expected to soon begin what will likely be a years-long process to control nicotine in cigarettes. And next week, the agency will hold a public meeting on a closely watched cigarette alternative from Philip Morris International, which, if granted FDA clearance, could launch as early as February.

The product, called iQOS, is a penlike device that heats Marlboro-branded tobacco but stops short of burning it, an approach that Philip Morris says reduces exposure to tar and other toxic byproducts of burning cigarettes. This is different from e-cigarettes, which don’t use tobacco at all but instead vaporize liquid usually containing nicotine.

For anti-smoking activists, these new products may mean surrendering hopes of a knockout blow to the industry. They say there is no safe tobacco product and the focus should be on getting people to quit. But others are more open



This undated image provided by Philip Morris in January 2018 shows the company's iQOS product. The device heats tobacco sticks but stops short of burning them, an approach that Philip Morris says reduces exposure to tar and other toxic byproducts of burning cigarettes. This is different from e-cigarettes, which don't use tobacco at all but instead vaporize liquid usually containing nicotine.

to the idea of alternatives to get people away from cigarettes, the deadliest form of tobacco.

Tobacco companies have made claims about “safer” cigarettes since the 1950s, all later proven false. In some cases, the introduction of these products, such as filtered and “low-tar” cigarettes, propped up cigarette sales and kept millions of Americans smoking. Although the adult smoking rate has fallen to an all-time low of 15 percent, smoking remains the nation’s leading preventable cause of death and illness, responsible for about one in five U.S. deaths.

Anti-smoking groups also point to Big Tobacco’s history of manipulating public opinion and government efforts against smoking: In 2006, a federal judge ruled that Big Tobacco had lied and deceived the American public about the effects of smoking for more than 50 years. The industry defeated a 2010 proposal by the FDA to add graphic warning labels to cigarette packs. And FDA scrutiny of menthol-flavored cigarettes — used disproportionately by young people and minorities — has been bogged down since 2011 because of legal challenges.

“We’re not talking about an industry that is legitimately interested in saving lives here,” said Erika Sward of the American Lung Association.

But some industry observers say this time will be different.

“The environment has changed, the technology has changed, the companies have changed — that is the reality,” said Scott Ballin, a health policy consultant who previously worked for the American Heart Association.

Under a 2009 law, the FDA gained authority to regulate certain parts of the tobacco industry, including nicotine in cigarettes, though it cannot remove the ingredient completely. The same law allows the agency to scientifically review and permit sales of new tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. Little has happened so far. Last year, the agency said it would delay the deadline for manufacturers to submit their vapor-emitting products for review until 2022.

The FDA says it wants to continue to help people quit by supporting a variety of approaches, including new quit-smoking aids and opening opportunities for a variety of companies, including drug-makers, to help attack the problem. As part of this, the FDA sees an important role for

alternative products — but in a world where cigarettes contain such a small amount of nicotine that they become unappealing even to lifelong smokers.

“We still have to provide an opportunity for adults who want to get access to satisfying levels of nicotine,” but without the hazards of burning tobacco, said FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb. He estimates the FDA plan could eventually prevent 8 million smoking-related deaths.

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Philip Morris International and its U.S. partner Altria will try to navigate the first steps of the new regulatory path next week.

At a two-day meeting before the FDA, company scientists will try to convince govern-

ment experts that iQOS is less-harmful than cigarettes. If successful, iQOS could be advertised by Altria to U.S. consumers as a “reduced-risk” tobacco product, the first ever sanctioned by the FDA.

Because iQOS works with real tobacco, the company thinks it will be more effective than e-cigarettes in getting smokers to switch.

Philip Morris already sells the product in about 30 countries, including Canada, Japan and the United Kingdom.

iQOS is part of an elaborate corporate makeover for Philip Morris, which last year re-branded its website with the slogan: “Designing a smoke-free future.” The cigarette giant says it has invested more than \$3 billion in iQOS and eventually plans to stop selling cigarettes worldwide — though it resists setting a deadline.

Philip Morris executives say they are offering millions of smokers a better, less-harmful product.

Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids still sees danger. He says FDA must strictly limit marketing of products like iQOS to adult smokers who are unable or unwilling to quit. Otherwise they may be used in combination with cigarettes or even picked up by nonsmokers or young people who might see the new devices as harmless enough to try.

“As a growing percentage of the world makes the decision that smoking is too dangerous and too risky, iQOS provides an alternative to quitting that keeps them in the market,” Myers says.

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firefighters from Shaw Air Force Base, he said. Throughout the day, about 90 firefighters worked the blaze down, according to Duggan.

By about 11 a.m., much of the smoke had dissipated, and very few flames were visible.

At that point in the morning, crews were using excavators to remove the roof so water could be used to put out hot spots — small areas that were still on fire or have the potential to catch fire, Duggan said.

There's a long road ahead to get that fire extinguished, he said.

They were still actively working the scene 12 hours after the first responder arrived on scene.

To ensure the ladder trucks had sufficient water pressure to subdue the blaze, fire engines were stationed on Magnolia and Harvin streets to pump water over about a half mile to the warehouse.

During an eight-hour period, the fire department used roughly one million gallons of water to control the fire, Duggan said.

That amount of water was split between three ladder trucks that were pumping about 2,000 gallons per minute all together, he said.

Each individual truck could have been pumping about 700 gallons per minute, he said.

Because the fire department required such a high volume of water, City of Sumter's water department coordinated with the first responder agency to make sure everything went according to plan.

City of Sumter Assistant Manager Al Harris said the

amount of water used to fight the early morning fire will have very little effect on nearby structures, if any.

At most, people may notice discolored water, which should be expected after a serious fire, he said, and it should return to normal soon.

The water department monitors water usage the entire time the fire department is pumping water, he said.

Other coordinating agencies included Sumter Police Department and S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. CSX Railroad assisted because a water hose was stretched across the tracks on Magnolia Street.

"This is the second time we've had to protect this bridge," Ford said while standing on Lafayette Bridge looking down over the fire and smoke.

A July 2016 fire at Sumter Casket Co. on Magnolia Street — on the other side of Lafayette Bridge — resulted in about \$1.5 million in damage to the structure and contents.

Duggan said estimated damage for the warehouse's owner is about \$1.9 million — \$1.5 million in damage to the structure and \$400,000 in damage to contents.

The 9.43-acre Hauser Street property — about 400,000 square feet, according to county mapping records — was purchased by Charles Hodge, owner of Hodge Distribution & Logistics, in 1995. The property was most recently used to house a storage facility for the organization. Another structure was damaged on the lot during a fire in 2006, according to Sumter County public property records.



A Sumter firefighter pulls slack on a hose Friday morning. Crews continued to fight the blaze all day. PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM



ABOVE: Firefighters work to contain the blaze. LEFT: A media staging point was set up on Lafayette Bridge.



ABOVE: A firefighter stands near the blaze during the morning.

BELOW: Firefighters use an excavator to help extinguish the fire.



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# Good or bad dog? Delta wants to know before you board

Airline says complaints have soared since 2016

BY DAVID KOENIG  
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS — Delta Air Lines will soon require owners of service and support animals to provide more information before their animal can fly in the passenger cabin, including an assurance that it's trained to behave itself.

The airline says complaints about animals biting or soiling plane cabins have nearly doubled since 2016.

Starting March 1, Delta will require owners to show proof of their animal's health or vaccinations at least 48 hours before a flight.

Owners of psychiatric service animals and so-called emotional-support animals will need to sign a statement vouching that their animal can behave. But owners will be on the honor system — they won't have to show, for example, that their dog graduated from obedience school.

The new requirements don't apply to pets that stay in under-seat kennels during flights.

Delta's policy change arrives with the number of animals in the cabin increasing.

John Laughter, the airline's senior vice president of safety and security, said there are insufficient rules in place to screen animals for health and behavior issues. He said Delta sought a balance "that supports those customers with a legitimate need for these animals" while maintaining safety.

Delta's new rules are aimed at two categories: service animals, which receive specific training to help blind or disabled passengers; and so-called emotional-support animals, which require no training at all. Both fly for free and are not required to be caged during the flight.

The emotional-support group has been growing rapidly, and it is the tar-



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A service dog strolls through the aisle inside a United Airlines plane at Newark Liberty International Airport while taking part in a training exercise in Newark, New Jersey.

get of most of the new Delta procedures. Last June, a 70-pound dog flying as a support animal bit another passenger several times in the face on a Delta plane in Atlanta. The victim was hospitalized.

Federal regulators have interpreted a 1986 access-to-travel law to allow support animals in airplane cabins and in apartment buildings that do not allow pets. That has created a cottage industry of online companies that help people

establish their pet as an emotional support animal. The classification spares the owner hefty airline charges.

Airlines must allow support animals in the cabin, although they can require owners to present a letter from a doctor or other medical provider who can vouch that the human traveler is helped by having the animal there. Delta will now ask to see those letters 48 hours in advance.

Delta, the second-biggest U.S. airline

by revenue, said it transports about 700 service and support animals every day, nearly 250,000 per year. More than two-thirds are emotional-support animals. That does not include animals for which owners pay a fee to keep in a carrier under their seat during flights.

Although exact figures aren't available, airline employees say dogs and cats are the most common animals on planes, but there have been sightings of pigs, snakes and turkeys too.

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## COMMENTARY

## Trump has free speech rights to blast press

Two U.S. senators recently weighed in with grand-standing shots at President Trump.

The first was Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who slammed Trump before a nearly empty U.S. Senate chamber on Wednesday, comparing him to Russian dictator Joseph Stalin, who was responsible for the deaths of some 100 million countrymen during one of his purges.

Flake, a Republican who is retiring next year, tore into Trump for being ugly to the upstream media for calling it “fake news.”



Hubert D. Osteen Jr.

Gosh, what a profile in courage.

Flake, whose name is appropriate, should be nominated for another of Trump's awards: “Gutless Wonder.”

Classy, caterwauling before a nearly empty chamber.

How inspiring.

In the same vein, another Arizona Republican senator, John McCain, piled on, this time berating Trump for attacking “free press” in

an op-ed commentary that was reprinted in last week's *Item*.

McCain piled on with turgid praise of the “free press” in the U.S. and how important the news media is to America. Thanks to the First Amendment that guarantees free speech.

Very touching.

But can't Trump blast the press for its “fake news,” in his opinion? Doesn't he have free speech rights as well?

He even gave out “fake news” awards this week.

So what? Is the “free press” in

this country so sensitive that it can't take the same sort of criticism it doles out every day on its papers and on the TV news and cable networks?

Flake, the lame duck senator, and McCain, in his sanctimonious way, are joining the mob of Trump critics in their holier-than-thou lectures and should take a breather and spare us from the bromides and bilge they are shelling out.

Senators, as well as the press, shouldn't be regarded as snowflakes. If you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen.

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## COMMENTARY

## President Nobama might be quite a change for U.S.

Trump is commonsensically undoing, piece by piece, the main components of Obama's legacy.

Donald Trump continues to baffle. Never Trump Republicans still struggle to square the circle of quietly agreeing so far with most of his policies, as they loudly insist that his record is already nullified

by its supposedly odious author. Or surely it soon will be discredited by the next Trumpian outrage. Or his successes belong to congressional and Cabinet

members, while his failures are all his own.

Yet one way of understanding Trump — particularly the momentum of his first year — is through recollection of the last eight years of the Obama administration. In reductionist terms, Trump is the un-Obama. Surprisingly, that is saying quite a lot more than simple reductive negativism. Republicans have not seriously attempted to roll back the administrative state since Reagan. On key issues of climate change, entitlements, illegal immigration, government spending and globalization, it was sometimes hard to distinguish a Bush initiative from a Clinton policy or a McCain bill from a Biden proposal.

Of course, there were sometimes differences between the two parties, such as George W. Bush's tax cuts or the Republi-

cans' opposition to Obamacare. Yet for the most part, since 1989, we've had lots of rhetoric but otherwise no serious effort to prune back the autonomous bureaucracy that grew ever larger. Few Republicans in the executive branch sought to reduce government employment, deregulate, sanction radical expansion of fossil-fuel production, question the economic effects of globalization on Americans between the coasts, address deindustrialization, recalibrate the tax code, rein in the EPA, secure the border, reduce illegal immigration or question transnational organizations. To do all that would require a president to be largely hated by the Left, demonized by the media and caricatured in popular culture — and few were willing to endure the commensurate ostracism.

Trump has done all that in a manner perhaps more Reaganesque than Reagan himself.

Even his critics sometimes concede that his economic and foreign-policy agendas are bringing dividends. In some sense, it is not so much because of innovative policy, but rather that he is simply bullying his way back to basics we've forgotten over the past decades.

The radical upsurge in business and consumer confidence is not revolutionary but almost natural. The Left and Never Trump Right claim that Trump is Stalin, Hitler or Mussolini. In fact, for the first time in eight years, it is highly unlikely that the FBI, IRS, CIA, DOJ and other alphabet-soup agencies see their tasks as going after the president's

perceived opponents.

The same about-face is true on the foreign-policy front, as the ancient practice of deterrence replaced the modern therapeutic mindset. Obama blurred, deliberately so, the lines between allies and hostiles. America experienced the worst of both worlds: We were rarely respected by our friends, even more rarely feared by our enemies; loud rhetorical muscularity was backed up only by “strategic patience” and “leading from behind.”

On the supposedly friendly side, Europe assumed that the United States would fawn after the virtue-signaling Paris Climate Accord. The Palestinians concluded that there was no shelf life on victimhood and that America simply would not, could not, dare not move its embassy to Jerusalem as the Congress had chronically showboated it would. NATO just knew that endless subsidies were its birthright and prior commitments were debatable. The West apparently lapped up Obama's Cairo speech: But when even the European Renaissance and Enlightenment were seen as derivatives of Islam, there is not much left to boast about.

On the unfriendly side, China sensed there was little danger in turning the Spratley Islands into an armed valve of the South China Sea. Russia understood that America was obscuroly “flexible” and ready to push a red plastic reset button in times of crisis.

ISIS assumed that American lawyers were vetoing air-strike targets. Iran guessed rightly that the Obama administration would concede a lot to strike a

legacy deal on nonproliferation. It was unsure only about whether the Obama administration's eagerness to dissimulate about the disadvantageous details were due to a sincere desire to empower revolutionary, Shiite Iran as an antipode to Israel and the Sunni oil monarchies, or arising from a reckless need to leave some sort of foreign-policy signature. Kim Jong-un concluded that the eight years of the Obama administration provided a rare golden moment to vastly expand its nuclear and missile capability — and then announce it as an irrevocable fait accompli after Obama left office.

Again, the common denominator was that the Obama administration, in quite radical fashion, had sought a therapeutic inversion of foreign policy — in a way few other major nations had previously envisioned.

Trump's appointees almost immediately began undoing all that. There were no more effective avatars of old-style deterrence than James Mattis and H. R. McMaster. Neither was political. Both long ago embraced a realist appraisal of human nature, predicated on two ancient ideas: We all are more likely to behave when we accept that the alternative is far more dangerous to ourselves, and the world is better off when everyone knows the laws in the arena. Just as Obama's pseudo-red lines in Syria signaled to the Iranians or North Koreans that there were few lines of any sort anywhere, so too the destruction of ISIS suggested to others that there might be far fewer restrictions on an

American secretary of defense anywhere.

On the cultural side, the Trump team figuratively paused, examined its inheritance from the prior administration and apparently concluded something like “this is unhinged.” Then it proceeded, to the degree possible, to undo it.

Open borders, illegal immigration and sanctuary cities are the norms of very few sovereign states. They are aberrations that are unsustainable whether the practitioner is Canada, Mexico or the United States. Calling a small pond or large puddle on a farm's low spot an “inland waterway” subject to federal regulation is deranged; undoing that was not radical but commonsensical.

The Un-Obama agenda was not simply reflexive or easy — given that Obama was the apotheosis of a decades-long progressive dream. After all, in year one, Trump has been demonized in a manner unprecedented in post-war America, given the astonishing statistic that 90 percent of all media coverage of his person and policies has been negative. Obama was a representation of a progressive view of the Constitution that about a quarter of the population holds, but in Obama, that view found a rare megaphone for an otherwise hard sell.

One would have thought that all Republican presidents and presidential candidates would be something like the antitheses to progressivism. In truth, few really were. So given the lateness of the national hour, a President Nobama could prove to be quite a change.

# FIREFIGHTER

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warehouse on Hauser Street at the Lafayette Bridge starting at 4 a.m. Friday. Every firefighter, volunteer and career, was called in Friday, whether to man the stations, work other calls across the county or respond to one of these two.

They handed each other water, picked up oxygen tanks and masks for each other and packed them onto their brothers' backs.

"We always say we plan for the worst and hope for the best," Ray said. "That's what today was."

It was the worst because a homeowner, though he wasn't living there, lost everything, and a family of two adults and five children may also have. They certainly are displaced and must deal with loss, regardless of the investigation's bottom line of if the house is a total loss or not.

It was what Ray and his team hope for, if a situation like this must happen.

No loss of life. No injury. Something in that second house may be saved because of the work of Sumter's firefighters.

"For us, it's just what you do. It keeps you going," Ray said. "To be able to help these people in need, however that is."

— Kayla Robins



Firefighters find a moment to rest.



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# DISTRICT

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spread to a house next door to the first one.

No one was injured in the incident, including the 25 firefighters who responded — the department's second major fire of the day.

A massive warehouse on a 400,000-square-foot property filled with carpet fibers and plastic ignited about 4 a.m. Friday, a blaze that was still being fought 12 hours later.

"When we got here [to the residential fires], I was having to bring the air tank truck because we were out of tanks from the first one," Duggan said.

Two adults and five children all reportedly under the age of 12 were displaced from the residential fires Friday — one family that all lived in the second house, according to South Carolina Red Cross Communications Director Cuthbert Langley.

Johnny Pugh, a neighbor, sat on his front porch Friday watching the scene and having to go inside or duck away from billowing smoke when the wind changed.

"I heard a couple booms, but I was watching the TV and didn't think anything of it," he said. "Then, next thing I know, I come out, and there's all this fire and smoke."

The fire department was focused Friday afternoon on putting the fire out and salvaging anything from inside and had not yet come to a conclusion on what started the fire, but Pugh said a camper was parked on the side of the first house.

"That's where the biggest flames were coming from," he said.

The only signs of an RV or other vehicle by the time the smoke cleared were burnt, bent, melted frames taller than the firefighters sifting through the debris.

The first house was destroyed, Battalion Chief Duggan said.

The extent of the damage to the second house — whether it was a total loss or some of the structure and the family's contents were salvageable — was not immediately known. From the street, the roof looked severely affected by smoke. Paneling was peeling off the front of the structure. Windows were broken — from flames or smoke or by firefighters to get inside, it was not visibly clear — and piles of soot covered the floor and spread out into the ramp leading from the front door.

The neighbor, Pugh, said he hasn't seen anyone live in the first house for a "while now" but that he sees the family come in and out of the home next door.

# HELP

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Sumter Fire Battalion Chief Joey Duggan about 6 a.m. Friday — already two hours after the 400,000-square-foot commercial fire began burning plastic and carpet fibers — the Red Cross was on hand with coffee and breakfast items by 7:30 a.m. At that time, Sumter Fire Department had about 50 volunteer and career firefighters battling the massive blaze in the Hauser Street warehouse.

Whenever the request is made specifically from the fire department, the Red Cross will come and provide services to include nutrition, hydration and meals to keep the firefighters fortified, Schumake said.

The Red Cross provided about 55 meals for breakfast Friday morning and an additional 50 for lunch, Schumake estimated.

"We call them, and they support us with food, drinks and other items from area fast-food restaurants and stores," Duggan said. "We receive overwhelming support from numer-

ous agencies that we work with in one accord."

Just hours later, when the same department was called to Sumter Historic District for a double residential fire, where a blaze started in one and spread to its next-door neighbor, Red Cross volunteers were also there. This time, they had to let a family know their house was severely damaged.

The two adults and five children, all under the age of 12, all lived in one house, according to Cuthbert Langley, communications director for the South Carolina Red Cross. The other was vacant.

While they were needed in the morning to hand out food, water and Gatorade, Langley said the afternoon response called for empathy and comfort — and Mickey Mouse stuffed animals for the children.

No matter what the call is, Langley said, they're there when needed. Always for the displaced and the victims, especially for the first responders.

"These," he said, "are our heroes."

— Bruce Mills and Kayla Robins

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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 or (864) 250-0702 extension 112 to register or begin the application process.
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Tuesday, 6 p.m., hospital board room
SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Weigh the pros and cons before you jump into something that needs more investigation. A closer look at your health will help you make better diet choices and prompt you to get fit physically. Romance is encouraged.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Explore a creative dream. Look for answers that will help you make a decision regarding partnerships, money matters and the best way to use your skills to enjoy what you do at the same time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Helping others can be rewarding, but make sure you don't let anyone take advantage of you. Offer suggestions, but keep your money and your possessions somewhere safe. Personal, emotional and physical improvements are favored. Learn from past experiences.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take action, get busy and be a participant. You have plenty to gain if you get involved in social events or activities that are conducive to sharing your thoughts and feelings with the people you feel close to. A family gathering will be eye-opening.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make personal changes that will improve your living arrangements, surroundings or the way you look. Put love and romance high on your list and make special plans that will bring you closer to the people who are important to you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Self-deception will be apparent when dealing with others. Consider your motives behind the connections you've made and make some

adjustments to ensure that you are being treated fairly and also are being fair toward others.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your feelings and discuss your options with someone you love. A change in the way you live can turn into a good solution that will encourage a better rapport with someone who is important to you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An open house or family gathering will bring out the best in you. Your uniqueness will give people a sense of how and why you do the things you do. Don't apologize for your beliefs or lifestyle.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your personal information a secret. The less you let others know about you, the better. Someone will offer false hope if you are persistent. It's best to find out exactly where you stand. Honesty is in your best interest.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Choose to make a difference. Step out of your comfort zone if it will help you find a way to expand your awareness and sensitivity toward others. Knowing and understanding will be key in finding positive alternatives.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Watch the way others respond before you reveal how you feel. It's important to feel comfortable with your surroundings and the people with whom you congregate. Personal growth and lifestyle changes are favored.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your emotions will surface and your intuition will guide you in a direction that helps you see your situation clearly and your options without confusion or uncertainty. Expand your interests, skills and ability to raise your income.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperatures, and wind speeds.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

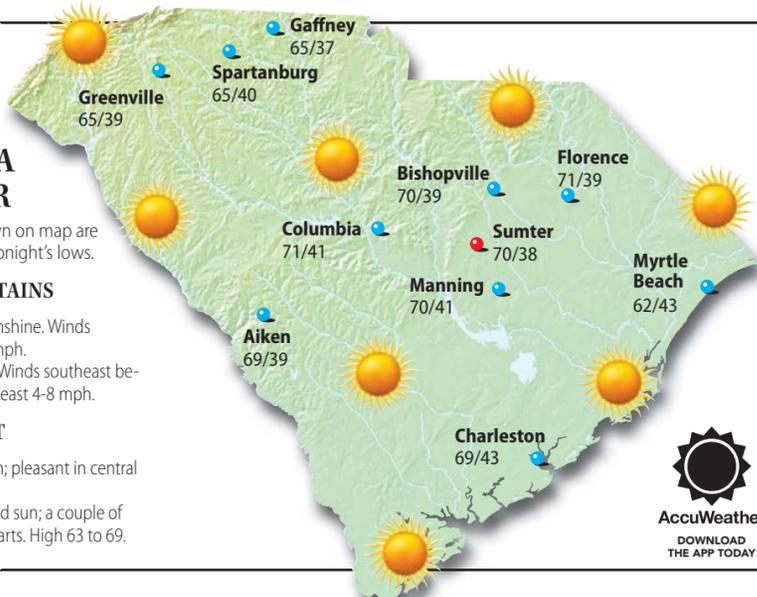
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Plenty of sunshine. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph.
Monday: Showers. Winds southeast becoming south-southeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Plenty of sun; pleasant in central parts. High 60 to 67.
Monday: Clouds and sun; a couple of showers in central parts. High 63 to 69.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Category (Temperature, Precipitation) and Value (High 60°, Low 29°, etc.).

LAKE LEVELS

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

RIVER STAGES

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

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:25 a.m. Sunset 5:42 p.m. Moonrise 10:11 a.m. Moonset 10:04 p.m.



TIDES

Table with 4 columns: Time, High, Low, and another High/Low. Location: AT MYRTLE BEACH.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, etc.

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Completed crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters.

- body rhythms 90 Quick bite
91 Evergreen tree out
92 Smartphone message
93 Square-corner shape
94 Snaky swimmers
96 Neckline shape
97 Walking tall
99 Fiji's capital
101 SWAT squad equipment
103 Austrian peak
105 Fröbe who portrayed Goldfinger
107 Hagar the Horrible's dog
108 Most high-tech
114 Cardiology concern
118 Legal wrong
119 Roofing sealant
120 Surpass in smarts
124 Be under the weather
125 Starting players
127 Criticize severely
132 Storied servant/spirit
133 Himalayan region
134 Money in Malta
135 Windy weather toy
136 Online shopping center
137 Unemotional one
138 Genesis setting
139 Scent

- 15 Apple pie order
16 Numerical proportion
17 Take a sip
18 Ships off
24 Come into view
25 Metaphor for strength
30 Solidify
33 T-shirt size: Abbr.
35 Desert stop-over
36 Rope securers
37 Grass grown on farms
38 Quotation compiler
40 O.K. Corral good guy
41 Mideast leaders
42 Brings back to mind
45 Simple fastener

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

- 46 Cornhusker city
47 Poisonous snake
49 Game-show VIPs
51 Stove-top vessel
52 Perform a part 53 "You bet!"
56 Wilds a needle
58 Before now
59 Elevates
62 Canvas holder
64 It's a Wonderful Life director
65 Starting words, for short
66 Thai or Tibetan
68 Gas pedal
73 Zodiac beast
75 Treasure hoard
76 Old Testament prophet
77 Old-time aesthetic
79 "Golden" period
80 TV evening news time
82 Coil of yarn
84 Parting word
85 Comparative suffix
86 Carry a balance
87 Flood barrier
88 Santa, CA
89 Plumlike fruit
95 Rock layers
98 Marsh plant
100 "That's awful!"
102 Muscle-car model of yore
104 Stove-top vessel
106 Suffix with cyclo-
108 Produce, as a play
109 Carved pole
110 Sports complex
111 They're all true
112 Distinctive quality
113 Private pupil
115 Speedy
116 Link with
117 Take up or let out
121 Dull noise
122 Had been
123 Symbol for an app
126 Director Brooks
128 Kind of corp. takeover
129 Floral garland
130 Nonprescription: Abbr.
131 MGM rival of the '30s
Pewter (27 Across) is traditionally composed of 85% to 99%

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

JUMBLE

FORCE LANKY TUXEDO WHIMSY
Being at the bottom of most maps, you need to look down to see Antarctica's -- "LOW-CATION"

PREP BASKETBALL



## Split decision

TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall's Chandler Patrick drives to the basket as Laurence Manning's Sara Knight Nalley defends during the Lady Barons' 71-42 victory on Friday at Wilson Hall's Nash Student Center.

### Wilson Hall girls, Laurence Manning boys triumph

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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The Wilson Hall varsity girls basketball team improved its record to 12-5 on the season and 2-1 in SCISA Region II-3A with a 71-42 dismantling of Laurence Manning Academy at Nash Student Center on Friday.

The Lady Swampcats fell to 6-8 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

Wilson Hall's starting five made quick work of establishing an insur-

mountable lead, scoring the first 19 points of the game and dashing out to a 26-3 lead before taking a breather in the second quarter and keeping LMA at arm's length in the second half.

The rest of the game was relatively competitive, with Wilson Hall outscoring LMA 45-39 over the final three stanzas; but the damage was already done.

"Our goal is intensity from the very beginning and being consistent throughout with intensity, and I feel like we did that in the first half," said

Wilson Hall head coach Glen Rector. "So the intensity was good, and I was really pleased with the effort of the young ladies tonight."

Four Lady Barons contributed double-digit scoring, led by transfer Natalie Jackson with 15. Liza Segars and Susanna Hutson added 14 points apiece and Courtney Clark added 13.

Laurence Manning's Lexi Bennett led all scorers, pouring in 18 points.

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PREP BASKETBALL



WILLIAMSON

### Williamson picks Duke

SPARTANBURG (AP) — High-flying high school power forward Zion Williamson has committed to Duke, giving the Blue Devils the nation's three top-rated college prospects.

Williamson is a 6-foot-6, 275-pound forward from Spartanburg who's rated second among high school players by ESPN. He picked Duke on Saturday over Clemson, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina.

It was thought in recent weeks that Williamson was focused on his home-state schools of Clemson and South Carolina — the Tigers because they were the first school to heavily recruit Williamson and the Gamecocks because earlier this month they signed former Louisville recruit Brian Bowen Jr.

Instead, Williamson joined a powerhouse young class that includes top-rated R.J. Barrett and third-rated Cam Reddish — both 6-foot-7 forwards — and point guard Tre Jones, ranked 10th. Those three have signed with Duke.

PREP BASKETBALL

### Lakewood boys, Crestwood girls win rivalry games

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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The Crestwood High School varsity boys basketball team scored the same number of points in both halves of its game with Lakewood on Friday at The Castle. However, the two halves couldn't have been more different.

The Knights trailed just 25-21 at halftime, but had just six points through the first 12 ½ minutes of the second half thanks to the Gators' defense. It was too little, way too late down the stretch as LHS went on to a 54-42 victory.

"I was very satisfied with the way we played defense in the second half," said Lakewood head coach Bryan

Brown, whose team improved to 12-7 on the season and 3-0 in Region VI-4A.

"We made an adjustment at halftime, going to a zone. We've relied on our defense all season and it came through for us tonight."

Just as the Gators remained undefeated in region play, so did the CHS girls. Crestwood pulled away in the second half for a 61-42 victory to improve to 14-2 overall and 4-0 in the region.

The LHS boys jumped out to an early 13-7 advantage only to see the Knights tie the game at 21-21. Lakewood scored the final four points of the first half to go up 25-21. CHS' Kwalek Jones actually scored the first points of the second



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Crestwood's Nazir Andino, left, tries to get past Lakewood defender Jaron Richardson during the Gators' 54-42 victory over the Knights on Friday at The Castle.

half on a follow-up of a missed shot with 6:11 left in the third quarter. The next field goal for Crestwood wouldn't come until 3:25 remained in the game, making it 45-30.

"I told the team at halftime what they would be doing, coming with that matchup zone," said Knights head coach Tony Wilson, whose team fell to 4-14 and 0-4. "I told them to be pa-

tient and swing the ball until a good shot came up. Instead we started trying to go individually against it and force things.

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CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

### DeVoe leads No. 20 Clemson to 67-58 win over Irish

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Notre Dame coach Mike Brey believes his program had been perfect against Clemson because during the crucial stretches, it was the Fighting Irish who made the biggest plays.

"Tonight, they made plays," Brey said after No. 20 Clemson beat Notre Dame for the first time, 67-58 on Saturday.

Gabe DeVoe had 17 points

including a critical 3-pointer with 3:18 left to keep the Tigers out front. Shelton Mitchell had 10 of the Tigers' final 20 points after Notre Dame cut an 11-point deficit to 47-46, and freshman Amir Simms hit a 3 from the right corner with just over a minute left that proved the winning blow for the Tigers (16-3, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

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Clemson's Elijah Thomas (14) drives against Notre Dame's Martin Geben during the first half of the Tigers' 67-58 victory over the Fighting Irish on Saturday in Clemson.

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# Sumter girls fall 52-49 to Carolina Forest

BY EDDIE LITAKER

Special to The Sumter Item

With the Region VI-5A lead on the line Friday night, Sumter High School varsity girls interim head coach Jeff Schaffer said his young team played its best game of the season on its home floor against Carolina Forest.

Unfortunately for the Lady Gamecocks, it came in a losing effort.

Latrice Lyons hit two free throws with four seconds left in regulation to put Sumter up 42-39, completing a 9-0 Lady Gamecock run, but that left just enough time for the Lady Panthers to find long-range specialist Ellen Nardella open for a game-tying 3-point basket, her third of the night, at the buzzer.

CF rode the momentum of that dramatic swing into overtime, scoring the first five points of the extra 4-minute period and holding on for a 52-49 victory.

The result broke Sumter's 8-game winning streak and left the Lady Gamecocks at 11-4 overall and 3-1 in region play. Meanwhile, CF pushed its record to 12-4 and 4-0.

"It was a great ball game for the fans. I wish it would have been a little better for our fans," Schaffer said. "We were at the foul line and shooting those two shots, and I told the girls when we were in the timeout (called by CF before Lyons' free throws) that we've got to make sure nothing gets behind us. So we were trying to pres-

sure the ball after Latrice hit those free throws and they were able to get that long pass off to their best shooter. We just didn't get back quick enough to recover, to close out on her, and a lot of that is just youth. We've just got to learn to play through that kind of stuff, and we will. We'll get better at that as we go on."

Lyons, the only senior on the floor for Sumter, stepped into the starting lineup with Tamerah Brown unable to play and tallied 16 points and seven rebounds, including 6-of-6 free throw shooting, all in the second half, and two threes.

"Latrice is really my only senior that gets a lot of playing time," Schaffer said. "She missed about six games early in the season, so she's still kind of trying to get her basketball legs back under her. I challenged her tonight and said we're playing without Tamerah so somebody else is going to have to step up and take up the slack, and it's (your) time. It's your senior year and you need to go out on top and play just as hard as you can for as long as you can, and she responded, I think, well to that. That's what you expect from a senior, hitting those foul shots and hitting that three in the overtime period. That's a senior stepping up and doing what she's supposed to do, and hopefully our younger kids will see that and learn from it."

After seeing victory slip out of its grasp in regulation, Sumter fell down

by five after a Cheyenne Pyles-Moultrie free throw and two Alexis Tomlin baskets before Lyons answered with a three at the 1:24 mark of overtime. The Lady Panthers hit five of six free throws to close the game, with Sumter getting two free throws from Nina Edlow and a Layken Cox follow. With :06 on the clock and trailing by three, the Lady Gamecocks could only get off a Carnasia Wells mid-court heave after the buzzer had sounded.

Sumter went through a stretch of sloppy ball handling in the opening period that resulted in eight Lady Panther steals and nine points off those steals. As a result, the Lady Gamecocks did not get off a shot over the second half of the period and saw an 11-8 lead evaporate to a 17-11 deficit heading into the second quarter.

"You've got to be able to make the passes, and we're still making eighth-grade passes," Schaffer said. "You can't make eighth-grade passes against a senior-laden team, as Carolina Forest is. It was difficult to get us into our offense because we were making bad passes and, of course, it was creating turnovers. When we started passing the ball a little bit better, some things clicked for us on offense. They have to continue to learn to play and work their way through some of those things."

Lyons scored the first five points of the second period, including a trey, to pull Sumter within one and a Cox put-back with 1:38 to go in the half put the

Lady Gamecocks up 20-19. Baskets by Tomlin and Lyons left Sumter with a 22-21 lead at the break, setting the stage for an exciting third quarter that saw five lead changes and a tie before a Tomlin bucket gave the Lady Panthers a 30-28 advantage heading into the fourth.

Schaffer said the back-and-forth nature of the game, which had four ties and 15 lead changes, and the almost playoff-like atmosphere should serve his team well as a tough stretch of region games continues with a trip to Conway on Tuesday.

"That can't do anything but help my young kids," Schaffer said. "Tonight I had three sophomores, a freshman and a senior (starting) out there, and that's just going to make them better down the road. The more times you get into that type of situation, the more you get comfortable with it, and we have to learn to play when we're not comfortable. We have to learn to get through those types of things and play when things aren't going our way, and we'll continue to work on that. We stress it every day in practice, and they're getting better at it. They may not see it, but I can see it."

Edlow added 10 points for Sumter while Cox closed with nine points and seven boards and Dynasia Jackson grabbed six rebounds to go with four points.

Tomlin topped all scorers with 23 while Pyles-Moultrie added 17 for the Lady Panthers.

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Laurence Manning first-year head coach Gary Bennett said he was pleased with his team's persistence despite the early hole in which it found itself.

"Take away the first four or five minutes and it was a darn good ball game," Coach Bennett said. "Wilson Hall played a great game. I was proud of the girls that fought the whole time and never gave up."

"We're putting it together, working hard and that's all I can ask for."

Rector said he was happy to have a chance to get some quality playing time for the girls on his bench.

"We've got a very busy week next week with three tough games," said Rector, whose team will play two non-conference games early in the week against Northwood and Thomas Sumter Academy before resuming conference play on the road at Florence Christian School. "It was a good opportunity to get everybody some playing time because we're going to need them down the stretch."

In the boy's game, Laurence

Manning muscled past the Barons to post a 54-40 victory and improve to 9-5 overall and 3-0 in region play.

Wilson Hall fell to 7-7 and 2-1.

"We did exactly what we needed to do tonight, and came in and won," said an unimpressed LMA head coach Will Epps. "At times we played really well, and at times we didn't play well."

"We're looking to get more consistent with our execution," Epps said. "Our effort was really good, obviously, but we've just got to work and get better every day at what we try to do."

Epps said he was glad to see Chase Lee score 12 points for the Swampcats.

"Chase Lee had one of his better games in quite awhile," Epps said. "He was aggressive and made some shots and played really well for us and we were glad to see it."

"The last couple games, he hasn't shot the ball a lot. He's a scorer and we need him to look to score, and he did that tonight. I was very

proud of him."

Senior Jerrel Kelly led all scorers in Friday's contest with 18, and Taylor Lee added 10.

"Jerrel Kelly - we don't do anything without him," Epps said. "He's our guy. He's not aggressive offensively, but he's averaging 15 points a game for us this year and that's what we need. He's a great passer, facilitator and obviously a rebounder. Defensively, we're very glad to have him."

LMA established an early lead, finding easy baskets while the Barons rushed things and try to keep up.

"The first half, I really didn't think we played with a lot of patience offensively," said Barons head coach Eddie Talley. "We didn't make many shots and took some quick shots."

Chandler Scott led Wilson Hall with 13 points, the only Baron in double figures.

"In the second half, they just killed us on the boards, and we're a little disappointed in that," Talley said. "They've got a good team, but I think we've got a better team than we showed tonight."

quarter, 10 coming from Destinee Jamison, to push the lead to 43-32 and go on to the win.

"We became a little bit more aggressive in the second half," said Lady Knights head coach Larry Crosby. "We had some foul trouble in the first half, and we weren't playing as aggressively as we can."

"Sometimes when I think we're taking a step forward, it seems we then take two back. We still have improvements to make, but the girls are working hard to get better. We'll have a hiccup, but I think we're moving toward being a better team, and we'll play our best basketball in the playoffs."

Jamison led CHS with 25 points. Jah'Che Whitfield had 14 and Sedajah Rembert six.

Ki'Ari Cain led the Lady Gators, 7-7 and 1-2, with 17 points. Rahteisha Burgess added 14.

"We hurt ourselves a lot tonight," said LHS head coach Demetress Adams-Ludd. "We missed 18 free throws and had 23 turnovers. It's hard to win when you're hurting yourself like that."

"That being said, Crestwood played well. You have to give them their due. They are an outstanding team."

Furman at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Creek Bridge, 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

**Varsity Basketball**  
Crestwood at Lugoff-Elgin, 6 p.m.  
Lakewood at Hartsville, 6 p.m.  
Lee Central at Chesterfield, 6 p.m.  
Green Sea-Floyds at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.  
Camden Military at Laurence Manning (Boys Only), 5 p.m.

**Varsity and JV Basketball**  
Conway at Sumter (Boys Only), 6 p.m.  
Sumter at Conway (Girls Only), 6 p.m.  
Manning at Hanahan, 4:30 p.m.  
Scott's Branch at Oceanside Academy (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.  
Robert E. Lee at Williamsburg, 4 p.m.  
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 4 p.m.

## BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

# Sumter whips CF 63-26

MYRTLE BEACH — Sumter High School's varsity boys basketball team improved to 3-1 in Region VI-5A with a 63-26 victory over Carolina Forest on Friday at the CFHS gymnasium.

The Gamecocks, who are now 11-7 on the season, were led in scoring by Isiah Moore with 12 points. Tyree Smalls and Calvin Felder both had 10.

**THOMAS SUMTER 54**  
**NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 53**

LEXINGTON — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 4-2 in SCISA Region II-2A with a 54-53 victory over Northside Christian Academy on Friday at the NCA gymnasium.

Zach Fugate led the 7-6 Generals with 13 points and four assists. Dante Linder and Eli Kessinger both had 12 points, while Tyler Millwood had nine points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Darius Porter and Trenton Jordan both had 10 points to lead Northside.

**LEE CENTRAL 78**  
**BUFORD 37**

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central remained undefeated in Region IV-2A with a 78-37 victory over Buford on Friday at the LC gymnasium.

JaVonte McCloud led the Stallions, who improved to 14-3 overall and 6-0 in region play, with 14 points. DaVeon Thomas had 13 and DeMarcus Smith had 12.

**C.E. MURRAY 68**  
**SCOTT'S BRANCH 55**

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch lost to C.E. Murray 68-55 on Friday at the SBHS gymnasium.

Terrence Yon led the Eagles with 24 points. Antavious Stukes and Daezhon Dingle both had seven and Marquis Thomas had six.

Twanye Butler led CEM with 23 points. Corey Scott had 16 and Sean Swinger 12.

On Tuesday in Summerton, Scott's Branch lost to Bethune-Bowman 61-52.

Thomas led SB with 16 points, while Yon added 13. Amonte Brown and Dingle both had seven.

### JV BASKETBALL

**LAURENCE MANNING 38**  
**WILSON HALL 32**

Laurence Manning Academy improved to 5-3 with a 38-32 victory over Wilson Hall on Friday at Nash Student Center.

Gabe Harris led LMA with 15 points. Austin Deppa had nine, while Kyle Horton and Denzell Sigler both had six.

Wise Segars paced WH with 14 points. Evan Hoffman had 10 and Nathan Harris seven.

**SCOTT'S BRANCH 17**  
**C.E. MURRAY 10**

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch High School defeated C.E. Murray 17-10 on Friday at the SBHS gymnasium.

Nyquan Lee led the Eagles with seven points.

**SUMTER 49**  
**CAROLINA FOREST 32**

MYRTLE BEACH — Sumter High School defeated Carolina Forest 49-32 on Friday at the CFHS gymnasium.

Jackson Hoshour led the Gamecocks with 11 points. Tyleek Craft added 10.

**BUFORD 53**  
**LEE CENTRAL 43**

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School lost to Buford 53-43 on Friday at the LCHS gymnasium.

Daurrion Kelly led the Stallions with 11 points. Naquan Peebles added eight points and 13 rebounds and Delonzon Johnson had eight points.

### B TEAM BASKETBALL

**WILSON HALL 29**  
**LAURENCE MANNING 26**

Wilson Hall improved to 9-3 with a 29-26 victory over Laurence Manning Academy on Friday at Nash Student Center.

Doc Walker led the Barons with 14 points and six rebounds. Jackson Duvall had nine points and four assists, while William Reese had six rebounds and Dylan Richardson had four assists.

Bryce Accord led LMA with eight points and Davis Campbell had six.

**CLARENDON HALL 40**  
**PATRICK HENRY 32**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall improved to 4-1 with a 40-32 victory over Patrick Henry on Thursday at the CH gymnasium.

Kole Elliott led the Saints with 21 points. Wilder Robinson had eight and William Rogan added six.

On Wednesday in Summerton, Clarendon Hall defeated Holly Hill 31-15. Rogan led the way with 12 points. Elliott had 10 and Trey Bagnal added seven.

*From staff reports*

## RIVALRY FROM PAGE B1

"It didn't work well with us, but we're still learning things. I'm proud of the way we came out and played in the first half. We played really well on offense in the first half."

After CHS scored the first points of the second half, Lakewood would score 18 of the next 20 points. A slam dunk by Juwan Perdue off an alley oop pass on an inbounds play and a 3-point play by Terrell Houston began the momentum swing for LHS.

Houston led the Gators with 15 points. Perdue added nine and Jaron Richardson had eight.

Brown had a long meeting with his team following the game due to some issues prior to the game.

"It was nothing major, a violation of some team rules that needed to be taken care of," he said. "It changed the way we did some things during the game. We've taken care of it and now we just have to move on."

Jones led CHS with 11 points. Anthony Bradley had nine and Nazir Andino six.

In the girls contest, Crestwood led 27-21 at halftime. It scored 16 points in the third

## PREP SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

**Varsity Basketball**  
Sumter Christian at Carolina Christian (Boys Only), 4:30 p.m.  
**Varsity and JV Basketball**  
Northwood at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.  
Pinewood Prep at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.  
**Junior Varsity Basketball**  
Lugoff-Elgin at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
Hartsville at Lakewood, 6 p.m.  
Chesterfield at Lee Central, 6 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Green Sea-Floyds, 5:30 p.m.  
**B Team Basketball**  
Sumter at Eau Claire (Boys Only), 6 p.m.  
Trinity-Byrnes at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at Heathwood Hall, 5 p.m.  
Clarendon Hall at St. John's Christian, 4 p.m.  
**Middle School Basketball**  
Ebenezer at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.  
Mayewood at Bates, 5 p.m.  
Manning at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.

## NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

# Defense wins titles, or at least the NFC championship

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — One team has a suffocating defense. The other has the NFL's No. 1 unit.

Defense should win at least the NFC championship.

Two of the league's elite defenses go at it Sunday when the Philadelphia Eagles (14-3) host the Minnesota Vikings (14-3) in the conference title game.

"They have a great defense, we have a great defense," Eagles linebacker Nigel Bradham said. "Whoever is most complete will win."

The Vikings allowed the fewest yards (275.9) and fewest points (15.8) per game. The Eagles were fourth in yards allowed (306.5) and fourth in points (18.4).

May the best defense reach the Super Bowl.

"Typically, when you're good defensively, you're going to stay in the ballgames," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "Then you have a chance to win them at the end."

Minnesota has three Pro Bowl players on defense: end Everson Griffen, outside linebacker Anthony Barr and cornerback Xavier Rhodes. Safety Harrison Smith and Rhodes are All-Pros.

"It's just a smothering defense," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "(Griffen) is a game wrecker. They just mix it in. You don't know necessarily what's coming. Rhodes is a tremendous corner, safeties are playing extremely well."

Defensive tackle Fletcher Cox and safety Malcolm Jenkins are Philadelphia's Pro Bowl picks. Defensive end Brandon Graham had an excellent season and cornerbacks Ronald Darby and Jalen Mills are solid.

Hearing about Minnesota's defense all week is extra moti-



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Minnesota linebacker Anthony Barr (55) tackles Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan (2) during the Vikings' win over the Falcons in their NFC Divisional Playoff game. The Vikings take on Philadelphia for the NFC title today.

vation for Philadelphia, which is a home underdog for the second straight game.

"When you've got the No. 1 defense coming in statistically, obviously, it fires us up," Cox said. "We know going into this game that whoever's defense plays better is going to win the game. The way we're prepared, we won't change nothing that we do. We'll just go out and be ourselves."

Here are things to watch for in the NFC championship game:

**BATTLE OF THE BACKUPS:** Case Keenum and Nick Foles were teammates in St. Louis in 2015 and began this season as backups. Keenum had a breakout season for the Vikings after Sam Bradford was injured. Foles is 3-1 since MVP candidate Carson Wentz tore his ACL. Expect defenses to focus on the running backs and challenge the quarterbacks.

"We've got to make Nick Foles win the game," Griffen said. "We've got to make him win the game but we've got to stop the running game, affect him and give the ball back to

our offense as much as possible so that they can score points."

**OWNING MINNESOTA:** Eagles receiver Alshon Jeffery has more catches (45), yards (685), and touchdowns (7) against the Vikings than he has against any other team. But Jeffery, who spent his first five seasons with the Bears, did most of his damage against other cornerbacks while also being the featured guy in Chicago's offense. The Eagles spread the ball around, so Jeffery had only 789 yards receiving, but his nine TDs were the second most in his career. Jeffery, by the way, turned down more money in free agency from Minnesota to join the Eagles on a one-year deal. Philadelphia gave him a four-year, \$52 million extension during the season.

**BROTHERLY LOVE:** The Kendricks family from Northern California is guaranteed to have a son playing linebacker in the Super Bowl. Eric Kendricks is in his third season with the Vikings, and Mychal is in his sixth year with the Eagles.

## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

# Jaguars don't fear Patriots' history

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The week started with a little trash talk from the underdog. The rest of it was dominated by speculation about a certain 40-year-old quarterback's injured throwing hand.

Plenty of intrigue for when the Jaguars and Patriots meet in Sunday's AFC championship game?

New England (14-3), the defending Super Bowl champion, is favored heading into its seventh straight conference title game. But the polished veneer it normally displays at this time of year is showing flecks of imperfection after Tom Brady injured his right hand during practice.

The injury kept Brady limited in workouts to begin the week and caused him to sit out practice entirely on Thursday.

Brady has never missed a playoff start during his 18-year career that includes four Super Bowl MVP honors. He said a bit contentiously only "We'll see" on Friday when asked if he would play Sunday.

He wore red gloves and responded to other questions about the hand's status by saying "I'm not talking about that."

The Patriots' top-ranked offense will need another signature performance from Brady against the Jaguars' second-ranked defense.

Jacksonville (12-6), trying to earn a trip to its first Super Bowl, has scored eight defensive touchdowns this season, three more than any other team. That's the most defensive touchdowns in a season by one team since the 2012 Bears.

Brady has faced a top-2 scoring defense in the playoffs three times, going 3-0 with a



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Jacksonville quarterback Blake Bortles (5) throws a pass during practice in Jacksonville, Florida, on Friday.

passer rating of 100-plus in each game.

Jaguars defensive end Calais Campbell said their respect for Brady is high. Then he dismissed the notion that anyone in Jacksonville felt like the Jags were simply playing with "house money" after surprising Pittsburgh in the divisional round.

"We have earned the right to be here," he said. "We have put a lot of time and effort in, so this is an opportunity we feel like we deserve and we have prepared for. I can honestly say I expected to be here."

Jacksonville also will be up against history: The Patriots have won the past seven meetings with the Jaguars and two straight in the postseason. Since Jacksonville entered the NFL in 1995, it is 1-10 against the Patriots, including playoff games.

"We are going to go out and there do everything possible to stay alive and earn the right to be in the Super Bowl," Campbell said. "They say you have to beat the best to be the best, so I can't wait to get out there and try."

Quarterback Blake Bortles,

who has been the subject of criticism at times during his career, said Sunday isn't about trying to prove anyone wrong. "I don't think so. Personally, I do not care," he said.

Here are some things to watch for:

**FOURNETTE'S HEALTH:** Jaguars rookie RB Leonard Fournette said he is feeling "good" after he was rear-ended in what authorities say was a minor three-car crash early in the week.

Fournette ran for 109 yards and three touchdowns against the Steelers despite reinjuring his right ankle in the first half. It was his most productive game in three months.

"I feel good in spite of the ankle and stuff," Fournette said. "Just taking care of my body, but overall I feel good."

**BULLETIN BOARD MATERIAL?** All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey caused a stir when he told thousands of fans awaiting the team's return after their win over the Steelers that the Jaguars "are going to the Super Bowl and we are going to win that (exclusive)."

## USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

# No. 21 Tennessee gets past South Carolina 70-63

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — After a listless performance in a loss to Missouri, Tennessee coach Rick Barnes told his players it was going to be a long season if they couldn't get points off the bench.

Lamonte Turner didn't start but matched his career high with 25 points, and reserve forward Derrick Walker added 10 to help the 12th-ranked Volunteers (13-5, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) to a 70-63 win over South Carolina on Saturday night.

Tennessee's reserves scored a season-high 39 points.

"We can't get locked into a seven-man rotation," said Barnes, who got at least 10 minutes off the bench from four different players.

Turner was by far the best. The 6-foot-1 guard led the Vols in rebounds with six, made all 10 of his free throws — including four in the final 36 seconds — and had a key sequence in the second half with the game tied at 59 and South Carolina (12-7, 3-4) having just

missed two chances to take its first lead since the opening two minutes.

Turner made a short jumper, and then found Admiral Schofield in the corner for a 3 on a fast break that Schofield started with a steal. The Volunteers led the rest of the way.

Justin Minaya and Wesley Myers each scored 16 points to lead the Gamecocks, who made 10 of 23 3-pointers as their inside game faded away.

Tennessee never stretched their lead beyond double digits. South Carolina had a chance to cut the lead to one or tie in the final minute but missed a 3-pointer, a short jumper, a layup and a tip-in on one possession.

The Gamecocks tied the game twice in the second half but could never push ahead. Last week, South Carolina came from 14 down in the second half to beat No. 18 Kentucky 76-68.

"When we tied the game against Kentucky, we didn't airball the next layup," Gamecocks coach Frank Martin said.



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South Carolina forward Maik Kotsar (21) drives to the hoop against Tennessee forward Kyle Alexander (11) during the first half of the Volunteers' 70-63 victory over the Gamecocks on Saturday in Columbia.

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The victory came after an awful-looking injury to Clemson captain Donte Grantham, whose right knee buckled after getting fouled from behind.

Grantham, a 6-foot-8 senior who averages 14 points a game, had 11 before going down with 10:54 left in the game. Clemson coach Brad Brownell said Grantham would have an MRI on the knee.

"He's had a very good year and we're hopeful it's not over for us," Brownell said.

Notre Dame (13-7, 3-4) lost its fourth straight. The Fighting Irish had a 5-0 all-time mark over the Tigers, and Clemson barely escaped continuing a

second streak of failure in the same week: The Tigers fell to 0-59 all-time at Chapel Hill with their 87-78 loss to North Carolina on Tuesday night.

DeVoe said the Tigers learned from the slow start in that game to break out on top, 21-10 against the Fighting Irish. When things tightened up, he said Clemson's experience came through.

"Knowing how to finish games has really helped us out a lot this year," he said.

Mitchell and Marquise Reed scored 12 points each for the Tigers. Mitchell caught fire after Notre Dame's rally with a 3-pointer and a driving layup to extend the lead to 52-46.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Werder Bremen vs. Bayern Munich (FOX SPORTS 1).

10:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Southampton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

11:50 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hannover 96 vs. Schalke 04 (FOX SPORTS 1).

Noon — Women's College Basketball: George Washington at Dayton (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

Noon — Women's College Basketball: South Carolina at Kentucky (ESPN, WNKT-FM 107.5).

Noon — Women's College Basketball: Marquette at Villanova (FOX SPORTS 1).

Noon — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic First Round from Winding Bay, Bahamas (GOLF).

12:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Philadelphia at Washington (WIS 10).

12:30 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Virginia (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

1 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Connecticut at Temple (ESPN2).

1 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Mississippi at Florida (ESPN).

1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: DePaul at Georgetown (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Tulsa at Tulane (ESPN).

2:30 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Duke at North Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

3 p.m. — Figure Skating: European Championships from Moscow — Men's and Women's Free Skate (WIS 10).

3 p.m. — NFL Football: American Football Conference Playoffs Championship Game — Jacksonville at New England (WLTX 19, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).

3 p.m. — Amateur Golf: Latin America Amateur Championship Third Round from Santiago, Chile (ESPN2).

3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Mississippi State at Tennessee (ESPN2).

3 p.m. — PGA Golf: CareerBuilder Challenge Final Round from La Quinta, Calif. (GOLF).

3 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Memphis at Oklahoma City (NBA TV).

3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Auburn at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).

3 p.m. — College Hockey: Notre Dame at Wisconsin (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: South Florida at Wichita State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: Loyola (Chicago) at Valparaiso (ESPN).

5 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Florida State at Louisville (ESPN2).

5 p.m. — Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game — Baskonia vs. Real Madrid (NBA TV).

5 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Arkansas at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).

6 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia at Wake Forest (ESPN).

6:30 p.m. — NFL Football: National Football Conference Playoffs Championship Game — Minnesota at Philadelphia (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).

7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Vegas at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

7:30 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: United States vs. Denmark from San Diego (ESPN).

8 p.m. — College Basketball: Washington State at Utah (ESPN).

9 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

3 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

MONDAY

7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

10 a.m. — Amateur Golf: Latin America Amateur Championship Third Round from Santiago, Chile (ESPN2).

2 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

2 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic Second Round from Winding Bay, Bahamas (GOLF).

2:55 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Liverpool vs. Swansea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

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

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Holy Cross at American (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina at Virginia Tech (ESPN).

7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Ohio State at Maryland (ESPN2).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa State at Texas (ESPN).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Maryland at Indiana (FOX SPORTS 1).

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Sacramento at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Louisiana State at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).

7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Miami at Houston (NBA TV).

8:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Tampa Bay at Chicago (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9 p.m. — College Basketball: West Virginia at Texas Christian (ESPN).

9 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

9 p.m. — College Basketball: Kansas State at Baylor (ESPN).

9 p.m. — College Basketball: Michigan State at Illinois (FOX SPORTS 1).

10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Los Angeles Clippers (NBA TV).

3 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 6

Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21

Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13

Sunday, Jan. 7

Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3

New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 13

Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10

New England 35, Tennessee 14

Sunday, Jan. 14

Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42

Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 21

AFC Jacksonville at New England, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)

NFC Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 28

At Orlando, Fla.

AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 4

At Minneapolis

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Boston, Toronto, Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn.

Southeast Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Miami, Washington, Charlotte, Atlanta, Orlando.

Central Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Cleveland, Milwaukee, Indiana, Detroit, Chicago.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Houston, San Antonio, New Orleans, Memphis, Dallas.

Northwest Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Minnesota, Oklahoma City, Portland, Denver, Utah.

Pacific Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Golden State, L.A. Clippers, Phoenix, L.A. Lakers, Sacramento.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Toronto 86, San Antonio 83
Brooklyn 101, Miami 95
Memphis 106, Sacramento 88
Washington 122, Detroit 112
Phoenix 108, Denver 100
L.A. Lakers 99, Indiana 86
New York 117, Utah 115

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Oklahoma City 148, Cleveland 124
Chicago at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New York at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table with columns GP, W, L, OT, PTS, GF, GA for Tampa Bay, Boston, Toronto, Florida, Montreal, Detroit, Ottawa, Buffalo.

Metropolitan Division

Table with columns GP, W, L, OT, PTS, GF, GA for Washington, New Jersey, Columbus, N.Y. Rangers, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, N.Y. Islanders, Carolina.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Table with columns GP, W, L, OT, PTS, GF, GA for Winnipeg, Nashville, St. Louis, Dallas, Colorado, Minnesota, Chicago.

Pacific Division

Table with columns GP, W, L, OT, PTS, GF, GA for Vegas, Calgary, San Jose, Los Angeles, Anaheim, Edmonton, Vancouver, Arizona.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Florida 4, Vegas 3, OT
Montreal 3, Washington 2
Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 1
Dallas 7, Buffalo 1
Winnipeg 2, Calgary 1, SO
Colorado 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Florida at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Jose, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Florida at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Vegas, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Winnipeg at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

Saturday
1. Villanova (18-1) beat UConn 81-61. Next: vs. Providence, Tuesday.
2. Virginia (17-1) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Sunday.
3. Purdue (19-2) beat Iowa 87-64. Next: vs. No. 23 Michigan, Thursday.
4. Oklahoma (14-4) lost to Oklahoma State 83-81, OT. Next: vs. No. 10 Kansas, Tuesday.
5. Duke (17-2) beat Pittsburgh 81-54. Next: at Wake Forest, Tuesday.
6. West Virginia (16-3) beat Texas 86-51. Next: at No. 24 TCU, Monday.
7. Wichita State (15-4) lost to Houston 73-59. Next: vs. UCF, Thursday.
8. Texas Tech (15-4) lost to Iowa State 70-52. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Tuesday.
9. Michigan State (17-3) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Monday.
10. Kansas (15-3) vs. Baylor. Next: at No. 4 Oklahoma, Tuesday.
11. Xavier (18-3) beat No. 19 Seton Hall 73-64. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
12. Cincinnati (17-2) beat East Carolina 86-60. Next: vs. Temple, Wednesday.
13. Gonzaga (16-4) at Santa Clara. Next: at Portland, Thursday.
14. Arizona (16-4) beat Stanford 73-71. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
15. North Carolina (16-4) beat Georgia Tech 80-66. Next: at Virginia Tech, Monday.
16. Arizona State (14-4) at California. Next: vs. Utah, Thursday.
17. Auburn (16-2) vs. Georgia. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.
18. Kentucky (14-4) vs. Florida. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.
19. Seton Hall (15-5) lost to No. 11 Xavier 73-64. Next: at DePaul, Sunday, Jan. 28.
20. Clemson (16-3) beat Notre Dame 67-58. Next: at No. 2 Virginia, Tuesday.
21. Tennessee (12-5) at South Carolina. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
22. Ohio State (17-4) beat Minnesota 67-49. Next: vs. Nebraska, Monday.
23. Michigan (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
24. TCU (14-5) lost to Kansas State 73-68. Next: vs. No. 6 West Virginia, Monday.
25. Miami (13-4) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.

PRO TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

THIRD ROUND
Dominic Thiem (5), Austria, def. Adrian Panariotto (26), France, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.
Tennys Sandgren, United States, def. Maximilian Marterer, Germany, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Novak Djokovic (14), Serbia, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas (21), Spain, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.
Hyeon Chung, Republic of Korea, def. Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Fabio Fognini (25), Italy, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Tomas Berdych (19), Czech Republic, def. Juan Martin Del Potro (12), Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Nicolas Kicker, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Richard Gasquet (29), France, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

THIRD ROUND
Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 15-13.
Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Ashleigh Barty (18), Australia, 6-4, 6-2.
Barbora Strycova (20), Czech Republic, def. Bernarda Pera, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
Karolina Pliskova (6), Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova (29), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Su-Wei Hsieh, Taiwan, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (26), Poland, 6-2, 7-5.
Angelique Kerber (21), Germany, def. Maria Sharapova, Russia, 6-1, 6-3.
Madison Keys (17), United States, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Caroline Garcia (8), France, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

SECOND ROUND
Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, def. Luke Saville, Australia and Max Purcell, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain and Pablo Carreno-Busta, Spain, def. Scott Lipsky, United States and David Marrero Santana, Spain, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Hans Podlipnik, Chile and Andrei Vasilevski, Belarus, def. Nicolas Mahut, France and Pierre Hughes Herbert (4), France, 7-6 (1), 5-7, 7-6 (6).
Dominic Inglot, Britain and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, def. Benoit Paire, France and Hugo Nys, France, 6-4, 6-2.
Lander Paes, India and Purav Raja, India, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Jamie Murray (5), Britain, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-6 (6).
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia and Sam Groth, Australia, def. Horia Tecau, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (3), Netherlands, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 7-5.
Fabrice Martin, France and Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Matt Reid, Australia and Nick Kyrgios, Australia, .
Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan and Marcin Matkowski (15), Poland, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Franko Skugor, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

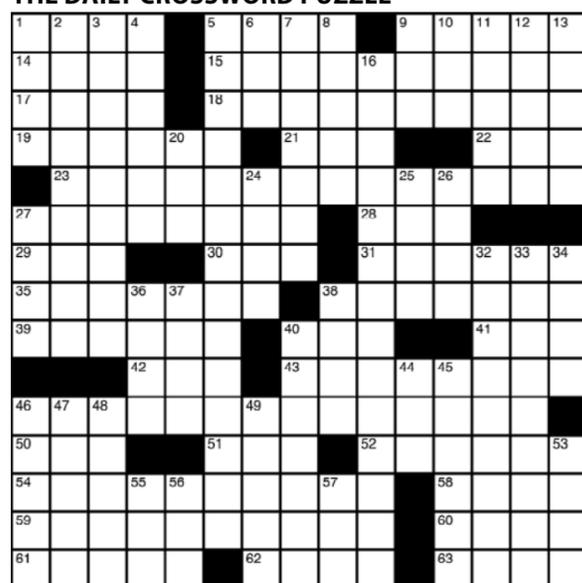
SECOND ROUND
Viktoria Golubic, Switzerland and Nina Stojanovic, Serbia, def. Katerina Bondarenko, Ukraine and Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 7-6 (0), 6-2.
Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (5), Hungary, def. Arantxa Parra Santonia, Spain and Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania and Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, def. Abigail Spears, United States and Alicja Rosolska (15), Poland, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Anastassia Rodionova, Australia and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic and Donna Vekic, Croatia, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (13), United States, def. Madison Brengle, United States and Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 6-2, 6-2.
Vania King, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia and Ashleigh Barty (3), Australia, 6-4, 6-2.
Shuko Aoyama, Japan and Zhaoxuan Yang (11), China, def. Mona Barthel, Germany and Carina Witthoef, Germany, 6-1, 7-5.
Barbora Krejickova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan and Magda Linette, Poland, 6-4, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND
Storm Sanders, Australia and Marc Polmans, Australia, def. Robert Farah, Colombia and Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 7-5, 1-6, 10-4.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Andrea Sestini Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus and Shuai Peng, China, 6-4, 6-4.
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada and Mate Pavic, Croatia, def. Alex Bolt, Australia and Lizette Cabrera, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Alex Bajcz

ACROSS

- 1 Color in the brown family
5 Dusty trail figure
9 Board that decides without voting
14 Flow hindrance
15 Not expected
17 Ducklike bird
18 Company that pioneered metal drivers in golf
19 Perrier units
21 Only one fed. holiday falls on it annually
22 A hockey player may check with one
23 Thing to get one's claws into
27 Often-glazed
28 Tail of a cartoon dog?
29 Actress -Margret
30 Hosp. areas
31 Lake Itasca, vis-à-vis the Mississippi
35 Out indefinitely
38 Certain landing aid
39 Sara Roosevelt's maiden name
40 Gordon Shumway's title alias, in a sitcom

DOWN

- 1 O.T. book
2 Fancy enamelwork
3 Endodontic therapy
4 Says
5 Tries to pick up
6 Political commentator
7 Drummer's creations
8 2010 Commonwealth Games host city
9 One making a splash?
10 Rail stop between Stuttgart and Munich

11 State in both the Pacific and Mountain time zones

- 12 "A \_\_\_ Fury": "Star Wars" DVD segment
13 More than competent
16 They may involve cheap shots
20 Urban omnivore
24 Word of amore
25 Mob hiree
26 Show displeasure
27 Carefully timed operation
32 Worst of the worst
33 Flirts with
34 Lover of Geraint
36 Bad state for sailing

37 Seat for a priority boarder

- 38 Part of a bargain, maybe
40 Hyper 44 " \_\_\_ be a shame if ... "
45 Mediterranean sauces
46 Do only what he says
47 "Rescue Me" star Denis
48 "Did I do that?" TV nerd
49 Sitcom with a 1974 wedding episode
53 Sporty car roof
55 A big one might be fragile
56 Geometric suffix
57 Eighth mo. in the old Roman calendar

Previous Puzzle Solved



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.

Word puzzle interface showing four jumbles: COREF, KNALY, UDETOX, SHMIWY. Includes a 'Jumble app' logo and a 'Check out the new, free JLIST JUMBLE app' message.

Answer: "CORE" - "KNALY" - "UDET" - "SHMIWY" (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WOOLY BLOOM BUTTER WALNUT
Answer: Shakespeare couldn't remember the apartment number. Was it — "TWO-B". OR NOT "TWO-B"?

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

9x9 grid for the Sudoku puzzle with some numbers pre-filled.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9x9 grid showing the solution to the previous Sudoku puzzle.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

9x9 grid for a second Sudoku puzzle with some numbers pre-filled.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9x9 grid showing the solution to the second Sudoku puzzle.

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

**SYLVIA A. BLAS**

Sylvia A. Blas, 63, of Sumter, wife of Joseph E. Blas, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Friends and family are invited to attend her visitation on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

at First Church of God, 10383 U.S. 78, Summerville, SC 29483. Burial will follow at Riverview Memorial Park.

Sylvia was born on April 12, 1954, in Valdosta, Georgia, daughter of the late Ernie Clayton and Loretta Clayton. She graduated in 1972 from Valdosta High School. She then went on to receive her LPN Nursing degree from Valdosta Tech. She loved quilt making and singing/playing guitar. Most of all she enjoyed volunteering at United Ministries in Sumter.

Survivors including her husband, Joseph, are: four daughters, Keri Eason (Chad) of Valdosta, Valerie Mattocks (David) of Jacksonville, Florida, Leslie Staples of San Antonio, Texas, and KelleyJo Bruening (Mike) of Navarre, Florida; one son, Timothy Bland (Missy) of Quitman, Georgia; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Russell Clayton of Statenville, Georgia, and Leslie Clayton of Florida; and one sister, Vicky Bland (Jim) of Florida. Sylvia was predeceased by one brother, Owen Clayton.

Flowers will be accepted.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

Arrangements by James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main St., Summerville, SC 29483, (843) 873-4040.

**HAYES F. SAMUELS JR.**

Hayes, F. Samuels Jr., 74, husband of Yvonne James Samuels, and owner of Samuels Funeral Home of Manning and co-owner of Samuels and

Richardson Funeral Home, Lake City, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning. He was born Oct. 23,

1943, in Sumter, a son of the late Hayes F. Samuels Sr. and LaNelle Jackson Samuels.

Hayes' tremendous successes to making the world a better place are innumerable. In every task, no matter the size, type or significance of the organization, he served with distinction, diligence and excellence. For his efforts, he was the recipient of countless recognition, awards and certificates. The organizations to which he contributed his vast skills and talents and his many accomplishments include, among others: owner, Samuels Funeral Home; co-owner, Samuels and Richardson Funeral Home; coroner, Clarendon County; member, South Carolina State Board of Funeral Services; past governor, Sixth Congressional District Morticians Association; member, National Morticians Association; past chair, South Carolina Morticians Association Convention; member, NBSC Advisory Board; member, Spring Hill Masonic Lodge No. 188. Alpha Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Mason and Omega Knights Temple; Business Person of the Year, Bank of Clarendon and Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce 2016-17; recipient, Chairman's Award, Clarendon County Democratic Party, 2014; recipient, State Professional of the Year, South Carolina Morticians Association, 79th Annual Convention, 2004; recipient, State Professional of the Year, Sixth Congressional District Morticians Association Professional of the Year; first recipient, National Council of Negro Women Award for Business and Economics 2000; Purchase of "My First Book" for St. Paul Primary, Manning Primary and Walker Gamble Primary Schools; life member, Clarendon Branch of NAACP; and lifetime member, Trinity AME Church.

Wake services will be held at 5 p.m. today in the Hayes F.

Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

Celebratory services for Mr. Samuels will be held noon, Monday, Jan. 22 at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning. Rev. Jerome McCray, presiding; Rev. Bennie Colclough, eulogist; Franklin Colclough, Rev. Courtney Colleton and Rev. Charles Smith, assisting. Burial will follow in Clarendon Memorial Gardens, Manning.

**REX ALLEN DEATON**

Rex Allen Deaton, 88, died peacefully in Sumter, South Carolina, on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018.

Rex was born on Nov. 29, 1929, in New Salem, Texas, the second of three sons of Mathew Lee and Vada Owens Deaton. He had fond memories of the many hours he spent outdoors growing up in rural east Texas, especially day-long excursions on his beloved horse.

Rex graduated from Kilgore Junior College in Longview, Texas, then enrolled at North Texas State College. He interrupted his studies to join the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, completing pilot training at Bartow Air Base in Florida.

While in the military, he earned a degree in international relations from the University of South Carolina.

Rex met and married his wife, Louise, while he was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. During his 20-year career as a pilot in the Air Force, Rex was a mentor and role model to many of his crew members, who admired his discipline, integrity and devotion to his wife and daughters.

For most of his military service, Rex flew the Douglas EB-66, used for weather reconnaissance and electronic reconnaissance/countermeasures. He served in tactical reconnaissance squadrons based at Shaw and a number of locations overseas, including England, France, Thailand and West Germany. In 1965-66, Rex flew missions over Vietnam, gathering electronic intelligence and providing protection for bombing missions by jamming enemy radar systems. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for

heroism when he thwarted North Vietnamese efforts to capture a downed fellow pilot.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Rex had a second career in Atlanta as a real estate broker. In 1994, Rex retired a second time, and he and Louise moved to Sumter. Until recently, they spent their summers in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

A talented artist, Rex enjoyed painting all of his life, and, in the late 1990s, he turned a favorite hobby into a third career, painting portraits, landscapes of low country South Carolina and the Blue Ridge Mountains and scenes from his travels in Asia and Europe.

Rex is survived by his wife, Louise Boyle Deaton; daughters, Katherine Hunter Deaton, M.D. and Mamie (Mimi) Deaton Arnold; Mimi's husband, Marks; grandsons, Charles Craft Lucas IV, Rex Hardin Robinson Lucas and William Pearson Walker Lucas; younger brother, Joel Keith Deaton; and Joel's wife, Genie. He was predeceased by his older brother, Lee Owens Deaton.

An extraordinarily kind and gentle man, Rex was beloved by all who knew him. His family is grateful to Leola Sessions and the staff at Covenant Place who so capably cared for Rex during the last few years, and to Ron Flax for his invaluable assistance, friendship and support.

A service celebrating Rex's life will be held at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church parish hall.

Private burial will be held at Sumter Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, 159 Chestnut St., Blowing Rock, NC 28605; or Sumter

Gallery of Art, P.O. Box 1316, Sumter, SC 29151.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com).

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory, 221 Broad St., is in charge of the arrangements.

**JANET M. HUNTER**

Janet M. Hunter was born on April 4, 1960 in Sumter to Hester Miller Capers and the late Thomas Capers.

In addition to her father, Janet was preceded in death by two brothers, John L. Miller and Henry L. Miller.

Janet departed this life on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018 in Florence.

Janet leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Johnny Hunter; two daughters, Tiniki Hunter and Nikki Hunter; mother, Hester M. Capers; three sisters, Thomasina Osborne, Elder Towanda (Apostle Willie C.) Bellamy, Evelyn (Dale) Major; two brothers, Terrance (Patricia) Capers and Gary Capers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at 1 p.m. from the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike Road, East Sumter, Rev. Aurelia Hill, pastor, and Bishop Northern Miller, officiating.

Interment will follow in Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery in Rembert.

A public viewing will be held on Monday at the mortuary from 1-6 p.m. The family is receiving friends at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Elder Towanda and Apostle W. C., Bellamy 50 Tie Drive, Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

**GLORIA A. LEMOS**

Gloria Ann Elliott Lemos, 71, was born April 29, 1946 in Royston, Georgia, to the late Richard F. and Maxine Brown Elliott.

She joined the Coca Cola Co. in Atlanta in 1967 as secretary and became vice president in charge of international affairs in their Washington, D.C., office in the 1970s and 1980s, traveling extensively to Cokes affiliates in more than 155 countries.

She was the assistant to the chairman of the board of Coca Cola Worldwide and was instrumental in introducing Coke to Russia and China. Ms. Lemos participated in a number of organizational board meetings with universities and charities in D.C.. She was in the Social List of D.C. (The Green Book) as late as 1990 and was also listed in "Who's Who in America."

Ms. Lemos retired to St. Simons Island, Georgia, in 1991 and then moved to Pinewood, South Carolina, to help take care of her father in 2004.

Ms. Lemos made her transition from this life on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 in Sumter.

She is greatly missed by her son, his wife and her three grandchildren, ages 15, 13 and 7, of St. Augustine, Florida, as well as her two sisters and brother of Pinewood.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

**PEARLIE MAE THOMAS**

OLANTA — Pearlmae McElveen Thomas, 86, widow of James Thomas, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at McLeod Hospice, Florence. She was born Sept. 13, 1931, in Olanta, a daughter of the late Elijah McElveen and Artmore Nero McElveen.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 5030 Sleepy Tree Lane, Olanta.

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

**FLOYD D. CROSS**

Floyd Darol Cross, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at his

residence. Born in Akron, Colorado, Floyd was a son of the late Floyd and Lourie Cross. He was a loving husband and father. He is preceded in death by his brother, Arthur Cross.

Survivors include: his wife of 66 years, Helen L. Cross; daughters, Marla Cross Sindel (Michael) of El Dorado Hills, California, and Karla Cross of Pawley's Island; grandchildren, Nicholas Thames, Brooke Darnall, Sarah Sindel and Kendal Cross; brothers Stephen Cross, Jonathan Cross and Paul Cross; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Pawley's Island Community Church Chapel.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

**MICHAEL S. ROGERS**

Michael Shane Rogers, 29, died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at Palmetto Baptist Hospital.

Born in Sumter, he was the son of William Eugene Rogers and Mary Beth Coker Rogers. Michael was a graduate of Sumter High School where he was part of the Sumter High Marching Band and went on to graduate from Central Carolina Technical College. He loved motorcycles and archery. He was the former manager of Treadquarters and presently working for Sykes. He attended Westside Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his parents are: one brother, Matt Rogers and his wife, Amanda Legrand Rogers; one nephew, Zak Rogers; grandmother, Anne Ella Rogers; two aunts, Wendy Smith and her husband, Robert, and Laura Hurst and her husband, Jay; three uncles, Joey Coker and his wife, Patti, Eddie Coker and his wife, Deborah, and Wendell Rogers and his wife, Chrissy; and one niece, Keirstyn Rogers.

A memorial service will be held on Monday at 4 p.m. in Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Holley officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be 81 Rock Hill, Hooligans Rock Hill and the Brotherhood of Lazarus.

The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**KATHRYN H. BARKLEY**

Kathryn Holland Barkley, 51, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at MUSC Hospital in Charleston.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of Shirley Osborne Holland and the late Robert Lee Holland.

Surviving are her mother of Sumter; three sons, John Card, Frankie Card and Robert Card (Meagan), all of Sumter; a brother, Bill Holland of Lugoff; one grandchild, Jake Card; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com).

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

**THEODORE H. BUDINE**

Theodore Hart Budine, age 80, beloved husband of Diane Weldon Budine, died on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be private. You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**ALMA MURRAY**

Alma Murray, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at her home.

Born Nov. 10, 1928, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of Thomas and Margie Hampton Weston.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 949 Twin Lakes Drive, Sumter.

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

**CYNTHIA D. BLACK**

Cynthia (Cynt) Delphine Black, 55, departed this life on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 at her home. Born Aug. 3, 1962 in Clarendon County, she was the daughter of Shirley Leonard Black and the late Abe Black Sr. At an early age, she joined Friendship A.M.E. Church, Silver Community, Summerton.

Cynthia worked faithfully at Sumter School District No. 17 for 17 years and Service Masters Janitorial Services for five years until her health failed. She was a faithful supporter of Sumter Thunderguards.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Shirley Leonard Black of the home; seven adopted children, Caroline Lopez-Ortiz, Kayla Black, Antonet Abrams, Tekele Keitt and Gregory Black, all of Sumter, Larry Rhinehart, of Trenton, and Samantha (Cornelius Burns) Benjamin, of North Charleston; two sisters, Stephanie (Frank Jackson) Black, of Sumter; Brenda (Jerry) Womble, of Richmond, Virginia; four brothers, Abe Black Jr., Ray (Catherine/Joyce) Leonard and Tony (Deborah) Leonard, all of Sumter; Tyrone (Robert) McBride of Richmond, Virginia; a special niece, Sabrina (Eric) Wright, of Columbia, whom she raised in her home; a special friend, Harry Lewis; 21 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 39 Second Ave., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 2 p.m., from the Friendship A.M.E. Church, 6156 Furse Road, Silver Community, Summerton, with the Rev. Albert Thompson, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. The procession will leave the home at 1:15 p. m. Burial will be in the Friendship A.M.E. Church Cemetery.

Services directed by 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 - [www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com](http://www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com).

**JOHN E. DINGLE**

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, John Elliott Dingle, husband of Ruth Davis Dingle, heard his master's call at the Carolina Hospital System, Florence.

Born on Sept. 14, 1949, in Davis Station, he was a son of Susie Hilton Dingle and the late Washington Dingle Sr.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 2 to 7 p.m. at The Marion House, 1079 Capital Way, Manning.

Funeral services are incomplete and shall be announced by the Fleming and DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

**BENNIE JONES**

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, Bennie Jones departed this life at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 24, 1946, in Brooklyn New York, he was a son of the late Russell and Loretta Green Jones.

Funeral services are incomplete and shall be announced by the Fleming and DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

**JOYCE R. HODGE**

Joyce Rogers Hodge, 76, widow of Harmon P. Hodge Sr., died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Born Jan. 31, 1941 in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Etson C. Rogers and Annie McLeod Rogers. She was a member of Lakewood Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Garner of Alcolu, and Bonnie Oxendine of Kannapolis, North Carolina; four brothers, Allen Rogers (Beverly), Delano Rogers (Rosa), Elvin Rogers (Rose), and Paul Rogers, all of Sumter; and a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Harmon P. Hodge Jr.; a daughter, Shelby Green; a granddaughter, Tina Berry; two sisters, Ann Scarborough and Mary Varner; and three brothers, Lewis Rogers, Gilbert Rogers, and Leverne Rogers.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Scarborough officiating. Burial will be in the Sumter Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dell Morris, Joey Amerson, Terrence Berry, Garrick Shipman, Tammy Kirton and Josh Ridgill.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other time at the home, 4855 Huckabee Road.

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

**CHARLIE GAYMON**

Charlie Gaymon, 87, was called by God home to rest on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Born Jan. 3, 1931, in Wilmington, North Carolina, he was the son of Marion and Rosa White Gaymon. He met and married the late Daisy "Blanch" Gaymon.

At an early age, he became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, where he was a faithful member of the trustee board and steward board.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two children, Marion (Mary L) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Barbara Jean (George) Jenkins of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; a daughter-in-law, Linda Gaymon of Newark, New Jersey; nine grandchildren; a sister, Daisy Lee Jefferson of Bridgeport, Connecticut; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at 11 a.m. from the Bethel A.M.E. Church, 19 E. Calhoun St., Sumter, with the Rev. Davie Brown, Pastor, eulogist.

The family will receive relatives and friends Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, 5-6 p.m. in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. The funeral procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Burial will be in the Bradford 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 [williamsfuneral-home@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneral-home@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web: [www.williamsfuneral-homeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneral-homeinc.com).

**BETTY B. WARNER**

Betty Bernice Wood Warner, age 82, beloved wife of Bobby Gene Warner, died on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at her residence.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**JOSEPH OLIVER**

Joseph (Jazzy Joe) Oliver, 54, died Friday Jan. 19, 2018 at McLeod Health in Florence. Born June 3, 1963 in Clarendon County. He was the son of the late George Junior Rhames and Edna Lee Oliver. The family will receive friends at the home of his

aunt Barbara Rhames at 11 a.m., First Street, Sumterton. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Summertown Funeral Home LLC, Summertown S.C. 29148

**DORA L. FRAZIER**

Dora Lee Dupree Frazier, 95, widow of Herbert Frazier Sr., died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at 923 Branchview Drive, Manning. She was born Feb. 23, 1922 in the Wilson Community of Clarendon County, a daughter of the late Howard Dupree and Florene Felder Dupree.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Jannett Hammett, 925 Branchview Drive, Manning.

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

**ELLA M. MCFADDEN**

Ella Mae Ham McFadden, 82, widow of John L. McFadden Sr., died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at the residence of her son John McFadden Jr., 4367 Blackriver Road, Gable, South Carolina. She was born April 1, 1935, in Florence, a daughter of the late Bill Easton and Ella Ham Easton.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her son.

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

**MARTHA HUNTER**

Martha Hunter, 69, daughter of the late Marion Hunter and Lucille Rember, was born on Feb. 28, 1948. She departed this earthly life on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 in New York, New York.

Public viewing will be held today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Ms. Hunter will be placed in the church on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Luke A.M.E. Church, 2355 N. Saint Pauls Church Road, Sumter. Interment will follow in St. Luke A.M.E. Church Cemetery.

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

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**CLEOTHRIA PORTER**

Mr. Cleothria (Cleo) Porter, son of the late Jeff and Everline Porter, was born April 29, 1942 in Red Banks, Mississippi.

He graduated from the public school system in Luxora, Arkansas. He was employed with the City of Tarpon Springs for more than 10 years and then pursued a career with Drisco Asphalt Company for more than 25 years, up until he relocated to South Carolina. He was a member of Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church, where he worshiped until he became ill. Cleo was a reserved man who enjoyed fishing, gardening, watching sports and the news.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, in Florence, God saw it fit to call him home to rest. Cleo was united in holy matrimony to Minnie Lou Porter for more than 46 years, and this union was blessed with five children. He was also a foster parent for many years. He was a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Bennie Gamble; one sister, Pauline Rinkins; two brothers, Robert Porter and Jeff Lee Porter Jr. Cleo's memories will forever be cherished by his loving wife, Minnie Porter; two devoted daughters, Michelle (Sheldon) Thomas of Effingham, South Carolina; Bernadette (Leron) Carr of Waldorf, Maryland; two sons, Bernie Gamble of Lynchburg, South Carolina, and Tommy (Myra) Gamble of Holiday, Florida; three sisters, Dorothy Porter of Homestead, Florida, Helen White of Luxora, Arkansas, and Anita Wilkes, of Texas; four brothers; Andrew Porter of St. Louis, Missouri, Wilson (Roslyn) Porter of Burlington, Iowa, Otha (Patricia) Porter of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Randy Porter, of Texas; two sister-in-laws, Ineatha (Bert) Graham of Lynchburg, South Carolina, and Pearline Gamble of Lynchburg, South Carolina; one brother-in-law, Rev-

erend Andrew Gamble of Sumter; nine aunts and one uncle; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Public viewing will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Porter will be placed in the church on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 1 p.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church, 4835 County Road, Lynchburg, South Carolina, with Rev. Marie Webb officiating.

Interment will follow in Edward Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at 7260 Loblolly Road, Lynchburg. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., is in charge of arrangements.

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**DAVID BRIGGS**

David Briggs was born on Oct. 31, 1926 to the late Frank Briggs Sr. and Lizzie Belcer Briggs. He departed this life on Jan. 14, 2018, early Sunday morning.

Mr. Briggs met and married Mary Ether Spears. He then moved his family to Florida. After a number of years, he moved to Brooklyn, New York, where he remained until he retired. Upon retirement, he moved back to Mayesville to take care of his ill mother before her passing. From Florida to Sumter, where he settled at Shiloh-Randolph Manor. He was preceded in death by Cornel Roy Briggs, Vincent John Briggs, Leroy Briggs, Frank Briggs Jr., William Briggs, Rachel Crawford, Susie Briggs, Lucille Rose and Hester Jackson.

He leaves to cherish his memories his children: David Briggs Jr., James Henry Briggs, William Briggs, Ronald Briggs, Rosa B. Flagg, Gloria Ann Briggs, Rutha Arterberry, Jennifer Briggs Anderson; grandchildren: Veronique Hayes, Esria Hayes, Vernon L. Briggs, Clifton T. Briggs, Cedric Briggs, James Briggs, Jr., Lanora Briggs, Victory Briggs, Carl Chisholm, Dexter Briggs, William Briggs, D'Andre C. Briggs, Felicia Israel, Daveed Flagg, Jayla Flagg, Rochelle Henmy, Brittney Pete, Kezia M. Arterberry, Mercedes L. Arterberry and Sierra L. Arterberry; two sisters, Jannie Montgomery and Mary Miller.

Public viewing will be held today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Briggs will be placed in the church on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., Sumter, with Pastor George P. Windley Jr. officiating.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park. Family will receive friends at 2130 Ave. B, Mayesville.

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

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**JOHN C. COLCLOUGH SR.**

John Charles Colclough Sr., better known as "Hobby," departed this life on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018 at Palmetto Tuomey Hospital, Sumter. He was born in Sumter County on Dec. 12, 1958, son of the late Deacon Johnston Clarence and Pastor Delia L. Williams Colclough. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. In his youth, he was baptized under the leadership of Elder James W. Mickens. He was employed at Santee Print for 18 years and Luther brick Masonry for 12 years until his health failed.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a loving wife, Priscilla, of 35 years of marriage; his children, Cathleen White, Lashawn Seiger, Latoya (Carldrele) Cooper, John Colclough Jr. and Jessica (Josh) Fraiser, all of Sumter; Martha Berry of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Andre (Sheraunda) Wilson of Richmond, Virginia; 17 grandchildren; one great-

grandchild; a mother-in-law, Louise Williams; one brother, Herbert Colclough; two sisters, Clara (Dennis) Wilson and Annie Mae (Willie) Washington; a brother-in-law, Willie (Barbara) Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Sammie Jessie Gayle and Lee Earl Colclough, a father-in-law, Willie B. Williams Sr.; and a grandson Aaron Lewis.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at 2 p.m. from the Church of God By Faith, with District Elder Robert Garrett officiating assisted by Rev. Frank Garrett. Interment will follow in the Heavenly Gates Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc. on Sunday evening at 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sumter Funeral Service Inc., is in charge of arrangements.

**WILBERT L. WALKER**

Wilbert Louis Walker, husband of Geneva Henry Walker, died on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter, SC. Born in Sumter County on September 16, 1944, he was a son of the late Charlie and Lillouise Muldrow Walker. He was a 1964 graduate of Eastern High School, Sumter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonnie G. Williams, and two brothers, Terry and Matthew Walker.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 36 years, four daughters: Veronica (Dennis) Norfleet of Memphis, Tennessee, Rhonda Hutchison, of Texas, Jackie Gilyard of Columbia, and Wilhelmina (Phillip) Spears of Kansas City, Missouri; two step-children, Margie Bradley and Debra (Louis) Amos of Sumter; one son-in-law, Will R. Williams of Sumter; two brothers, Alfred Walker of Columbia and Charlie Walker Jr. of Manning; grandchildren, nieces, nephews, uncles other relatives and friends.

Public viewing will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Walker will be placed in the church on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at 1 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at noon at Melina Presbyterian Church, 3539 Black River Road, Gable, South Carolina. Interment will follow in Melina Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at 4635 Myrtle Beach Hwy., Sumter, SC 29153.

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

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**ALMA M. LEMMON**

Mrs. Alma McFadden Lemmon, widow of Frankie Lemmon and daughter of the late William and Hattie Hickson McFadden, departed this life on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018 at Lake City Scranton Healthcare Center in Scranton, South Carolina.

Early in life, Mrs. Alma joined St. John United Methodist Church. She graduated from St. John Rosenwald High School. After graduation, she moved to Baltimore to work as a cook for the contractor that built the Harbor Tunnel. She later decided to continue her education and moved to Phila-

delphia, Pennsylvania. She was employed by the Federal Government as a computer analyst for the Defense Logistics Agency, where she became one of the first operators of an IBM computer. After 38 years of dedicated service, she decided to retire and return home to care for her mother who lived to be 105 years old.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frankie Lemmon; parents, William and Hattie McFadden; two sisters, Clattie McFadden and Dorothy M. McKnight. One daughter-in-law, Eliza Lemmon; and two granddaughters, Patricia Lemmon and Gwendolyn Lemmon Weeks.

She leaves to cherish her memories; one beloved son, Archimedes Lemmon; one sister, Bernice M. Evans of Los Angeles, California; two grandsons, Gregory and Randy (Bridget) Lemmon; three granddaughters, Rena (James) Boone, Gail and Natasha Lemmon; nine great-grandchildren, Shaquisha Swinton, Christopher Mack, Monique, Sabora, Brandy and Taylor Lemmon, Aliza Boone, Amya and Ayden McFadden; one great-great grandchild, Ariah Dennis; one loving niece and nephew, Dawn Evans and Ernest Evans Jr., both of Los Angeles, California; a very special cousin, Viola Nelson; and two very special friends, Lola Brown of Chester, Virginia, and Lois McDowell.

Public viewing will be held on at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Lemmon will be placed in the church on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. John United Methodist Church, 10544 Nero Circle, Lynchburg, with Rev. Benjamin Graham officiating.

Interment will follow in the St. John United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at 10 Par Court, Sumter, SC 29154. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St. is in charge of arrangements.

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**FLOYD D. CROSS**

Floyd Darol Cross, age 85, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at his residence.

Born in Akron, Colorado, Floyd was a son of the late Floyd and Lourie Cross. He was a loving husband and father. He is preceded in death by his brother Arthur Cross.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Helen L. Cross; daughters, Marla Cross Sindel (Michael) of El Dorado Hills, California, and Karla Cross of Pawleys Island; grandchildren, Nicholas Thames, Brooke Darnall, Sarah Sindel and Kendal Cross; brothers, Stephen Cross, Jonathan Cross and Paul Cross; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Pawleys Island Community Church 10304 Ocean Hwy. Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or The Salvation Army, 2401 Authuan Maybanks Dr., Georgetown, SC 29440.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at Pawleys Island Community Church Chapel.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

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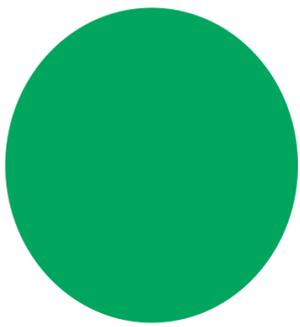
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## THIS WEEK

According to Sallie Mae, the financial resources parents use most frequently to save for college are not designed specifically for college. What they use:

- 61% general savings accounts
- 38% checking accounts
- 37% 529 college savings plans
- 31% investment accounts
- 30% certificates of deposit (CDs)

### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

#### FERRARI NV



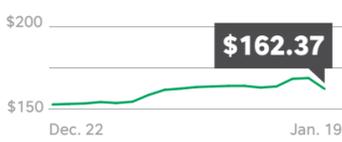
The Italian automaker plans to build a battery-powered supercar to challenge Tesla. The brand known for race cars has been expanding its lineup.



#### IBM



The tech company formed a new blockchain firm with A.P. Moeller-Maersk to track cargo movements and automate paperwork for international shipping.



#### APPLE



The iPhone maker plans capital expenditures of \$30 billion in the coming years and will create 20,000 new jobs at its existing sites and a new campus.



#### AMAZON



The e-commerce platform revealed its list of 20 cities for its second headquarters. The project is expected to cost more than \$5 billion and create 50,000 jobs.



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JAE YANG, JANET LOEHRKE/USA TODAY



If you sign up with a program, don't assume all debts will be settled.

Sean Pyles  
NerdWallet

Paying less than you owe to creditors sounds like a good deal. But debt settlement isn't what it seems.

If you're considering working with a debt settlement company — which negotiates with creditors to accept less than what you owe — look beyond the marketing pitches. These programs have inconsistent results and can be costly, and hundreds of consumers have filed complaints about them.

Here are three things debt settlement companies likely won't tell you — and what they mean for you.

■ **Success isn't guaranteed:** Some companies may promise you could be debt-free in 36 months and settle your debt for less than 50% of what you owe, but the reality isn't so simple.

A 2014 report from the Center for Responsible Lending estimated completion rates of debt settlement companies were in the single digits.

In contrast, the American Fair Credit Council, a debt settlement industry group, found completion rates hovered around 50% for clients enrolled in a program between 2010 and 2012.

The inconsistent success rate can be attributed to a few factors. Some creditors refuse to settle. Sometimes consumers have to drop out of a program to handle a lawsuit from their creditors or deal with defaulted accounts. And since these plans can take three or four years to complete and require sustained payments, any financial turbulence can derail them, too.

■ **What it means for you:** If you sign up with a debt settlement program,

don't assume all debts will be settled.

■ **The industry is rife with consumer complaints:** Debt settlement companies have been the target of lawsuits by regulators and consumer complaints in recent years. Allegations include deceptive advertising, excessive fees and fraud.

More than 300 complaints have been filed against debt collection companies with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau since 2014. Most — 166 — were for fraud or scams.

■ **What it means for you:** Before signing up, research its complaint history on the CFPB website.

■ **Debt settlement can be costly:** Fees from the debt settlement company and from your creditors can minimize any potential break you get on the balance owed.

Say you're on a 42-month program with \$15,000 in debt, the average program length and the minimum amount of debt to enroll, according to Sean Fox of Financial Freedom, a debt settlement company. If your debt is settled, you'll pay 20% to 25% of the debt enrolled in the program. (It is illegal for companies to charge upfront fees; companies charge a fee once a debt is settled.)

However, there are also monthly fees typically associated with setting up an account where customers make monthly deposits, instead of paying their creditors. You pay the creditor from the account as debts are settled.

■ **What it means for you:** Working with a debt settlement company can leave you with less savings than you expected or with more debt than you started with.

## Paying off debt? Make sure you have a plan

Daniel B. Kline  
The Motley Fool

Americans seemingly have no fear of debt. We borrow to buy cars, houses, to pay for school, and, in many cases, for reasons that are a lot less justified. In fact, the average American household has \$137,063 in debt, according to the Federal Reserve's latest numbers.

Of course, a lot of that debt is mortgage — a type of debt most are forced to take on if they want to own a home. Still, the average American household has \$15,654 in credit-card debt, \$27,669 in auto loans and \$46,697 in student loans, according to a recent Nerd-Wallet study.

It's the credit-card debt that's the biggest problem for most people. It's generally the most-expensive debt anyone carries, and you can minimize what you pay by paying off what you owe faster. The good news is many people know they have a problem. More than half of the 1,000 people who tried to pay off debt in 2017 surveyed by CompareCards succeeded.

■ **How did people do it?** Not surprisingly, cutting spending was the most popular method those surveyed cited as to how they paid off debt, at 61%. Getting additional work through the gig economy came in second at 20%.

**Credit-card debt generally is the most-expensive debt anyone carries, and you can minimize what you pay by paying off what you owe faster.**

"Seventy-five percent of people who succeeded paying off their debt developed a specific plan to pay off debt last year, according to the survey," CompareCard's Kira Brecht wrote. "By comparison, just a little over half (51%) of those who tried to pay down debt but failed said they had a plan."

It's also worth noting that those working to pay down debt practiced another smart personal finance policy. The majority (64%) also had an emergency fund. Generally, it's recommended that your emergency fund equal six months of living expenses. That may sound excessive, but it's an important defense against adding credit-card debt should there be a disruption (job loss, illness or unexpected household repair) in your finances.

■ **You have to get started:** When it comes to paying off debt, intent is clearly a key part of success. It's important to make a specific declaration that you plan to cut your debt, then create a plan to put it in motion.

In many ways, it's not that different from deciding to lose weight. It's easier when you hold yourself accountable and have a specific plan to make it happen.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲1.0% week ▲5.4% month   ▲11.8% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲0.9% week ▲4.9% month   ▲9.1% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲1.0% week ▲5.4% month   ▲10.7% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲0.8% week ▲4.8% month   ▲8.9% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▼0.2% week ▲5.2% month   ▲4.3% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼1.4% week ▲9.1% month   ▲23.1% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▲0.0053 week ▲0.0355 month   ▲0.0454 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼0.46 week ▼2.82 month   ▼2.90 3 months
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# Don't wait to plot your exit strategy

Planning, along with the right tax advice, will give you pre-retirement flexibility you desire

**Dear Pete:** I'm 44 years old, and I fear I've made a massive mistake. I think I have too much money in retirement plans and not enough money in non-retirement investments. What if I get to be in my late 50s and I want to retire, but I don't have any non-retirement funds to tide me over until I reach age 59½?

— Brent, Brooklyn



**Pete the Planner**  
Peter Dunn  
Special to USA TODAY

This reminds me a little bit of the job interview question in which the interrogator asks the candidate their biggest weakness. "I'm just too dependable," the interviewee opines. Fearing you've saved too much for retirement is a fear many wish they had.

Your problem is either a little different than you think it is, or you fully understand the problem and just didn't explain it well. Before we get to that, we have several other issues we have to deal with. A good place to start is clearing up the terms retirement and non-retirement. Typically when a person uses these terms they mean qualified

and non-qualified. Qualified, as in tax qualified and non-qualified as in not tax qualified. Retirement accounts such as a 401(k), 403(b), traditional IRA, Roth IRA and a few others all are considered tax-qualified accounts. They enjoy various tax benefits, but in exchange for those benefits, they generally can't be accessed without penalty until you achieve age of 59½. That's what makes them "retirement" accounts. Therefore a non-retirement account is an account which is not age sensitive.

There are a couple of technical strategies that could solve your perceived problem. The Internal Revenue Service allows you to use qualified (retirement) accounts prior to age 59½ without penalty, via rule 72(t). There's some nuance,

so you'd want to talk to a tax adviser, but basically you need to take "substantially equal periodic payments" from a retirement account. Once you start taking those distributions, you must continue making withdrawals for the longer of five years or until you reach 59½.

Another reasonable solution is a Roth ladder conversion strategy. It's complicated, but it can work wonders for people who want to retire prior to 59½. Essentially, you would convert traditional IRA money into Roth IRAs, paying the taxes now as you convert and then withdraw the converted money tax- and penalty-free after you've held the converted Roth for at least five years.

Take note of two key points. First, you will have to pay taxes on the converted money. This could be a big issue if you happen to be in a high tax bracket. Second, talk to a tax adviser about this strategy prior to pulling the trigger.

The biggest issue with early retirement, whether it be prior to age 59½ or prior to age 65, is health care. You may have enough money to support your current lifestyle in early retirement, but it's the added expense of paying 100% of your health care premiums that could

ruin everything. My experience tells me that people who've had their health insurance premiums sub-

sidized by their employer throughout their career sometimes struggle to grasp the gravity of funding health care premiums without a third party.

As for the real problem here — it's impossible to have too much money in retirement plans. Not having enough money in non-retirement accounts is a separate issue. Your retirement could last for five decades or more — yes, 50 years or more. During this time, your potential long-term care and health care costs could skyrocket. Unless you claim to be one of those people who say things like, "I want my check to the funeral home to bounce," then you'll always want to have too much money available in retirement. This is especially true if you retire in your 50s.

Still convinced you've saved too much for retirement? Consider redirecting more of your current income to non-qualified investments, as opposed to retirement accounts. A nice compromise is to contribute to Roth accounts, if you're able to. This is because you can always access your Roth contributions tax- and penalty-free any time you like. If you're not able to contribute to a Roth, then make sure your non-qualified investments are either tax sensitive or employ a tax-loss harvesting strategy. This will keep your annual tax bill down as you try to grow this account to support you in your 50s.

Ultimately, you are seeking flexibility. More people should see value in financial flexibility. Who knows how you'll feel about work, money or life in general 10 to 15 years from now? But I know this, 44 is the perfect age to start thinking seriously about all these different scenarios. Too often people wait until the last minute to put together an exit strategy.

*Dunn is an author, speaker and radio host, and he has a free podcast: "Million Dollar Plan." Email him at AskPete@petetheplanner.com*



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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

# Innovative ways to make money online



**Tech Talk**  
Kim Komando

"Online work" used to mean "money grabbing scam."

You might find a job selling things online for a commission or writing blogs for money, but these rarely provided a living wage — or even enough spare change to justify the time commitment. Times have changed. The Internet has finally become profitable not just for entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley, but for regular people with everyday skills.

You don't have to build your own website or incorporate a business. You can enroll in a ready-made network and ply your trade among similar-minded craftspeople. Here's a list of side gigs to get your hustle on.

■ **Stock photography:** You're an ace with a camera. You can turn that skill into online income by listing your images on stock-photography sites such as Shutterstock and Adobe Stock. You receive a royalty when customers purchase the right to use your work.

■ **Swagbucks:** Swagbucks rewards its users with gift cards for taking surveys, watching videos or conducting Web searches with its search engine.

■ **SpeakWrite:** Online transcription company SpeakWrite hires independent contractors and lets them set their own hours and work from home. SpeakWrite says its typists on average earn about \$300 per month, while the top earners pull in more than \$3,000.

■ **Society6:** Artists and designers upload their original work to Society6, which then prints the images onto a variety of products: T-shirts, pillows, wall hangings, duvet covers and iPhone cases, among others.

■ **Mechanical Turk:** Amazon describes Mechanical Turk service as a "marketplace for work." When you sign up as a worker, you can then choose which tasks to complete. Those tasks might involve translating text from one language into another, rating search re-

sults, determining if a website is suitable for an audience, correcting spelling or pulling usable information from images.

■ **TaskRabbit:** TaskRabbit lets people post simple jobs such as furniture assembly, home cleaning, grocery shopping or moving help. You can sign up as a "Tasker" and make money completing those tasks.

■ **Homepolish:** Homepolish gives you the freedom of being an independent contractor, but you get access to its network of clients, support and advice. Currently available in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Richmond, Va., Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

■ **Zeel:** The app lets clients connect with massage therapists for same-day massages in their homes. Zeel says massage therapists get a 75% cut of each payment, plus it automatically handles fees for late cancellations. For safety, Zeel says it has an ID verification system on the client side, and massage therapists can rate clients, so problematic ones get weeded out.

■ **UserTesting:** UserTesting hires contractors to try out websites and provide feedback through videos. Workers typically get paid \$10 per test.

■ **Pack and ship packages:** If you're a packing whiz, Shyp might be a good fit for you. When customers have something to ship, they can summon a courier (you) through the Shyp app. The courier shows up within 20 minutes, packs the item with the appropriate materials and takes it off to ship with the lowest-priced carrier. Shyp is available in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York City and Chicago.

■ **Be a modern-day butler:** Hello Alfred wants to bring butlers (or Alfred Client Managers, as they're officially known) to regular households. For \$32 a week, clients can claim one butler-like visit for tidying up and grocery shopping. An "Alfred" can earn up to \$25 an hour.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



A construction worker works on an apartment high-rise in Miami. ALAN DIAZ/AP

# Did the economy grow 3% for a 3rd straight quarter?

**Paul Davidson**  
USA TODAY

The economy grew at better than a 3% annual pace in both the second and third quarters last year. Did it score a hat trick in the fourth quarter, taking another step toward President Trump's promise of 3% growth for a full year? Quite possibly, an economist says. The week's economic news also features reports on home sales and business investment.

Existing home sales spiked in October and November on pent-up demand after hurricanes in Texas and Florida suppressed activity in September. But that rebound likely petered out in December, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. And home sales, he notes, remain constrained by supply shortages. Economists estimate the National Association of Realtors will report **Wednesday** that existing home sales fell 2.4% last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.7 million.

It's a similar story for new home sales, which shot up 17.5% in November amid a rush of buyers who couldn't close deals after the hurricanes hit. Strong job and income growth should continue to propel the sale of newly-built homes. Economists expect the Commerce Department on **Thursday** to announce a 7.9% drop in new home

sales for December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 675,000.

The economy expanded at a 3.1% annual pace in the second quarter and 3.2% in the third quarter, mostly on robust consumer and business spending. Consumers have opened their wallets in response to solid job and income gains, record-high stock prices and cheap gasoline. And businesses are investing more as worker shortages prompt purchases of labor-saving equipment.

Meanwhile, the GOP tax cuts and Trump's sweeping rollback of business regulations have created expectations for stronger profits. The sturdy consumer and business spending was likely sustained in the fourth quarter while rebuilding efforts in the hurricane-stricken regions fueled a rebound in housing starts, Alexander says. All told, economists expect Commerce on **Friday** to announce that the economy grew at a 3% annual rate in the last three months of 2017.

A more recent reading of business investment can be found in Commerce's report on orders and shipments of durable goods such as computers, cars and airplanes. Capital goods orders — a proxy for business investment — generally have increased solidly in recent months. Economists are looking for another strong 0.5% rise in that measure for December.



# REFLECTIONS

## Sumter saw steady growth in late 1800s

Reflections remembers an article written in *The Sumter Herald*, a remarkable newspaper no longer in print. The article concerns an investigative report written about the social, political and economic status of Sumter in the year 1894. The article was titled "Sumter of Forty Years Ago, or 1894 — The Past, Present and Future of the Gamecock City, Some of Her Citizens and Highlights in the Life of the Community — Review of Sumter Published in Sea Tide Thoughts, February 1894." The author has chosen to focus on the growth and development of the many different businesses that were begun in what became the downtown. The reprinted article, taken from *The Item* archives, will be presented in two parts because of its length and pictorial data by *The Item* archivist.



**Sammy Way**  
REFLECTIONS

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"It is difficult to say when the real prosperity of Sumter commenced, as it was a mere village for many years, without railroad connection until 1854 when the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad (now the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta, R. R.) was built through it, thus throwing open to the world some of the finest land in the state. Before that event, the population had increased only slowly; and in 1860, there were only nine hundred people living within the corporate limits of the town. In 1880, the number was about 2,000; in 1890, about 3,800 and in 1894, over 5,000, which is a very healthy record. There was no big boom but just a steady growth, which has by no means stopped but is continuing right along. It will not be a great many years before Sumter will be a city of much more than ordinary importance, and those who own property there now are quietly holding on, having full confidence in the future.

The corporate limits of Sumter describe the circumference of a circle with radii one mile in length from the center of the courthouse square. A large proportion of the population of Irish descent and many Hebrews are engaged in mercantile pursuits. The blacks are about equal the whites in number."

**THE SUMTER ECONOMY**

"The businessmen of Sumter are recognized throughout



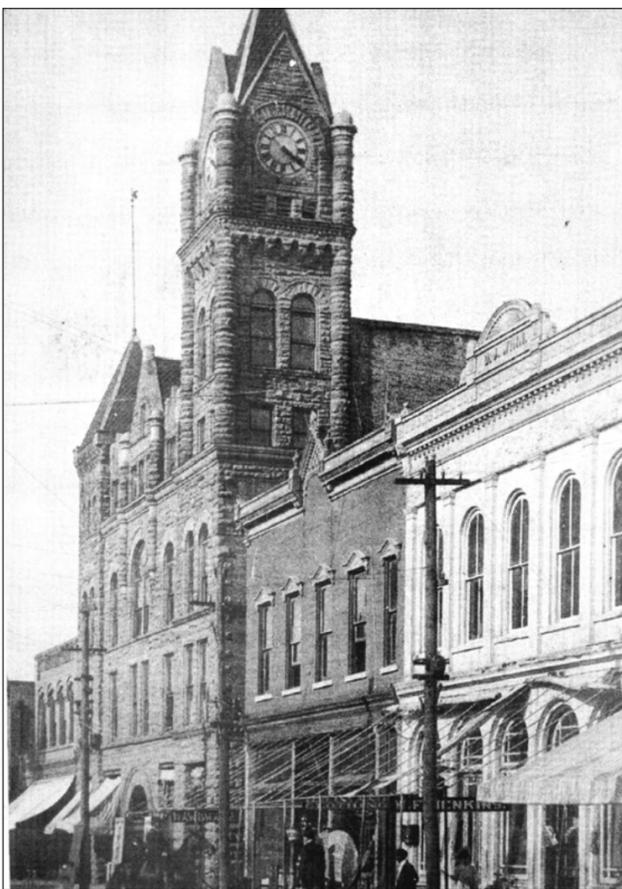
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Main Street is seen circa 1900, about the time Sumter's population reached more than 5,000.

the state as a most energetic set, and to them alone belongs the credit for the vast strides made by the city in commercial importance. A review, without mentioning some of the leading mercantile establishments, would be far from complete, though our space is limited, and we can do little more than mention the names and characters of business each is engaged in."

"Messrs. J. Ryttenberg and sons are leaders, having an establishment which compares favorably with any in the state. They deal in general merchandise and have a department devoted to each line,

with experienced clerks in charge. Their store was built in 1881 but remodeled in 1892. It is in the shape of an L, fronting on Main and Liberty streets, and Courthouse Square; it has an enormous floor area and filled with a very complete stock of goods. Mr. M. G. Ryttenberg resides in New York with the senior member of the firm and does



Ducker and Bultman sold general merchandise beginning in 1878.

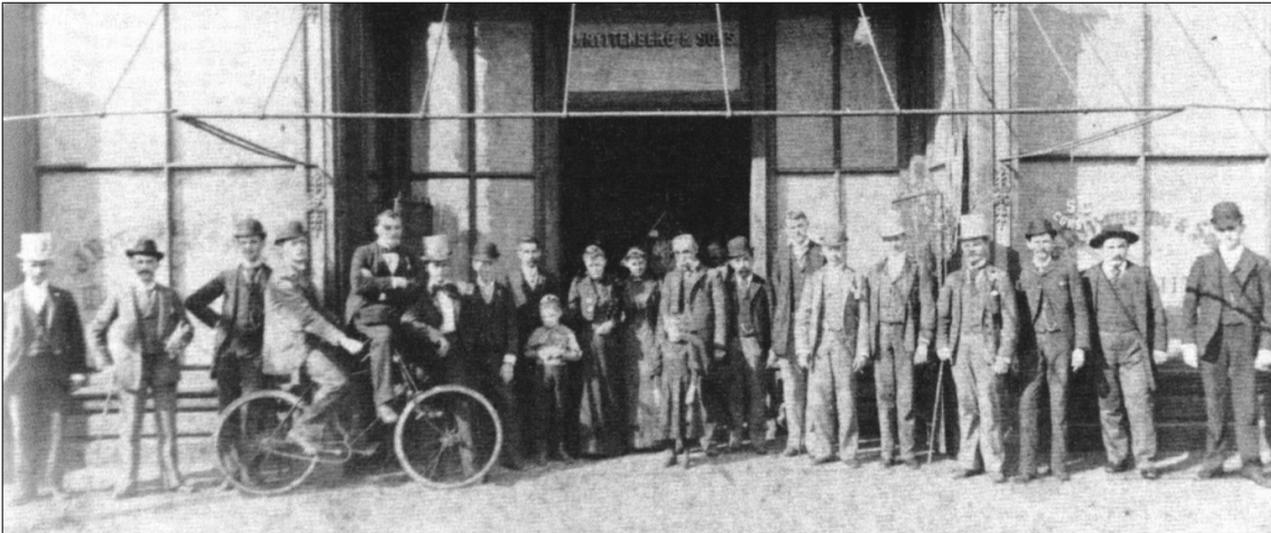
the buying for the house, having a permanent office there ... This firm owns a very large plantation of 2,840 acres and raises between six and seven hundred bales of cotton each year. They have a steam gin and grist mill, and in the plantation season 18 plows are constantly in operation. The Sumter Brick

Yards are also their property, and all the bricks used in their store were made by them ... Rembert, Marshall and Co. have a branch store at Rembert, S.C., connected by a private telephone wire with the main store."

"Levi Brothers have been in business about six years and enjoy a large patronage,

both in the city and county. They deal in general merchandise and are agents for standard guano (fertilizer made from animal waste). Mitchell and Ferdinand Levi compose the firm and both devote their time to developing their business. Mr. Frank O'Donnell is one of the leading merchants and makes a specialty of groceries, though everything usually found in a general merchandise store is sold. Mr. B. J. Barnett has been dealing in general merchandise for the last 40 years, 13 of which have been spent in Sumter. His neat brick establishment is on Main Street. The Wando Phosphate Co. is well represented by him, as their agent. Mr. John Reid sells foreign and domestic dry goods and general merchandise, making a specialty of the former. He has been in business for twenty years and sells mostly for cash. Cotton and country produce are bought at current prices. The store of Mr. S. L. Grier is well stocked with racket goods and groceries, and business is done mostly on a cash basis. Ducker and Bultman rank among the leaders and have a very large store, selling general merchandise. Their business was established in 1878 and has grown to enormous proportions and employs many clerks. Messrs. A. S. and W. A. Brown opened in Sumter in 1890 as dealers in general merchandise and cannot complain about a lack of patronage. They handle cotton exclusively."

J. Ryttenberg and Sons sold general merchandise at a store built in 1881. It fronted Main and Liberty streets, and the firm also owned a large cotton plantation, steam gin and grist mill. They also owned Sumter Brick Yards, and all the bricks in the store were made by them.





# YESTERYEAR

## 30 foods created with sweet potatoes; Miss Sumter named

**75 YEARS AGO — 1943**

Aug. 14 — Aug. 20

• M. S. Boykin has been appointed chairman of the advance gifts committee of the Community and War Chest campaign of Sumter County, it was announced today by K. E. Ward, chairman of the publicity committee. The drive will be held during October, and the tentative goal will be about \$53,000. This will cover the needs of the Community Chest and War Relief Fund. The drives have been combined so that there will not be two separate demands on the public in one month.

• Col. R. C. W. Blessley, Shaw Field's commanding officer, welcomes Cpl. Dorothy Coffin, the first WAC assigned to this basic flying school. Cpl. Coffin became the first WAAC to drop an "A" and become a regular member of Uncle Sam's forces. Cpl. Coffin was the first member of the WAC detachment at

Shaw Field to take the oath of induction Aug. 10. She was sworn in by Capt. Eugene C. Pressler, S-1, in the presence of the colonel who says that she is "a very excellent driver."

• Professor L. W. Ware, head of the horticulture department station at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, demonstrated to food



**Yesteryear in Sumter**

SAMMY WAY

processors, distributors, nutritionists and representatives of the quartermaster general's office 30 developed foods — ranging from candy to breakfast cereals — all of which were prepared from sweet potatoes. One hundred food experts were in the group that visited the school and sampled the cereals, confections, crackers, flour, cookies and numerous other food products prepared from the sweet potato. The experts expressed surprise about the flavor and texture of the food.

• Parents and children, 100 or more, spent one grand evening of fun and laughter at the Savage-Glover playground. Main events were group singing, foot races, peanut scramble, watermelon slice, rope contest and a very enjoyable baseball game. Special guests were Mr. Raffield, city manager, Miss Lois McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green and Mr. Mrs. Revin of the Lyric Theatre. Mr. Revin not only financed the picnic, but also gave all the young people free passes to the theater. Maud Pendergrass was director of the playground and was doing a splendid job.

• First Lt. Capers R. Wactor was killed in action in the North African area July 17, his family has been notified by the War Department. Lt. Wactor had been overseas since June. The telegram announcing his death did not state specifically where it occurred, and members of his family thought that the North African area might include the Sicilian front because they had heard that he was there. Lt. Wactor had been a member of the Sumter National Guard for many years before the unit was mobilized in February. He entered the service as a first sergeant but later was appointed to Officers Candidate school, from which he graduated as a second lieutenant in September.

• Men between the ages of 17 and 55 are being urged to join Sumter's Home Defense Unit in a page advertisement appearing in the *Sumter Daily Item*. The Sumter unit has openings that must be filled at once, an officer of the company stated, and it is vital that all persons who can find to do so join up. A special opportunity will be given those desiring to sign up; they may obtain applications and physical exams at the armory.

• Maj. Charles H. Wilson of Sumter, serving with the American Expeditionary forces in Sicily, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Tunisian campaign. The order citing the award reported that "under intense enemy artillery shellfire, Maj. Wilson, with complete disregard for his own safety, organized and personally directed the removal of five government vehicles to a place of safety. Maj. Wilson began active duty with the Army more than two years ago as a captain in the former Sumter National Guard outfit.

• Candidates for Sumter High School's football team will report at the Edmunds High gym at 10 o'clock for physical examinations, Coach Johnnie McMillian announced today. Practice will be started soon, the Gamecock mentor stated, noting he hoped for about 50 candidates this season. Every position is open, for 26 of last year's 36-man squad are not back this year. There are several from last year's B squad coming up, but outside of that the rest of the men will be inexperienced.

• Navy Airman William Lillington Phifer, 20, of Sumter won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned



1968 — Miss Julie Helen Dean, 17, center, Miss Sumter of 1969, is flanked by the first runner-up, Stella Louise McLeod, and Kathy Jean Benbow, left, second runner-up.

an ensign in the Naval Reserve following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training, Pensacola, Florida, the "Annapolis of the Air." Having been designated a naval aviator, Ensign Phifer will go on active duty at the navy air operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.

• Supervisor M. C. Smith said that 17 high schools would participate in the federal-state distributive education program during the 1943-44 school year. The program is designed to train students by theory and practice in retail selling and office work. Smith said these schools would participate in the program: Anderson, Brookland-Cayce, Bennettsville, Columbia, Charleston, Clinton, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Lancaster, Olympia, Spartanburg, Sumter and Walterboro.

• A swimming pool for Sumter, a project which has been under discussion by the city council for some time, will be constructed, Mayor F. B. Creech said today, if a price agreement can be made and if priority for materials can be obtained. The pool will be built in the section where the Municipal Ball Park is located, the mayor said, but no definite decision has been made on that point. If built, the pool will be run on a business basis, Mr. Creech reported in answer to a question as to whether charges would be made for its use. It could be handled only in that way, he said, pointing out that a person will have to be engaged by the city to have charge of swimming and maintenance of the pool. He said that if the project went through, it would not be ready for opening before next summer.

**50 YEARS AGO — 1968**

April 14 — April 20

• Shaw's 363rd Civil Engineering Squadron was recently selected as the outstanding civil engineering unit in the Tactical Air Command and has been nominated to represent the command in Air Force-wide competition. Selection was based on TAC's evaluation of overall performance by the various elements of the base civil engineering function. The civil engineering staff was praised for its prompt and accurate reaction to requirements from higher headquarters and for its "can-do" attitude.

• Dunnedell Gardens, where a million flowers transform a Stateburg valley into technicolor hideaway, will be open to the public at certain times. Dr. J. R. Dunn announced the restricted opening after several years of complete closure. Previously the garden, unparalleled in scope among local gardens, was open on a commercial basis. Twenty acres of wilderness and a broken-down grist mill pond have become a fairyland of flowers spreading over hillsides, along reflecting pools, under trees and near walkways, since Dr. Dunn acquired the land 43 years ago.

• In a gala stage pageant Saturday night, Julie Helen Dean, 17, began her reign as Miss Sumter 1969, following in the footsteps of her predecessor, Miss Sumter 1968, Donna Morgan. A senior at Edmunds High School, she played the piano in the talent competition before a large crowd of appreciative Sumterites in the Jaycee-sponsored pageant.

• A good crowd, an almost non-existent jalousy class, but a good field of limited modified cars opened the racing season in the local area last Friday night at Hartsville. The Hartsville track had been scheduled to open April 5, but a rain washed out the first attempt. The preview Friday night at Hartsville yielded few spectacular accidents but promises to bring to the local area a new

class racing with the opening of the Rebel track this Saturday night.

• Brig. Gen. Donavon F. Smith, a World War II fighter ace and recent recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal for service in Vietnam, has been named vice commander of the Ninth Air Force. Gen. Smith, who received the DSM for meritorious service during his 18-month tour as chief adviser to the Vietnamese Air Force, will report for duty early next month. The occasion will mark a reunion between Gen. Smith and Maj. Gen. Gordon M. Graham, Ninth Air Force commander. Gen. Graham, also a World War II ace and holder of the DSM for Vietnam service, worked with Gen. Smith in Saigon last year.

• The Poinsett Garden Club met at the Alice Boyle Garden Center for its annual tea and installation of officers. Hostesses were Mrs. C. E. Hinson, Mrs. M. B. Jackson, Mrs. Homer C. Carlisle, Mrs. Maxey Alpert, Mrs. W. J. Fudger, Mrs. Ladson Cabbage, Mrs. W. E. Brice and Mrs. A. R. Rogers. Punch, assorted sandwiches, cookies and nuts were served from a table holding a tall arrangement of spring flowers and Easter eggs.

• Sumter won a baseball game once again on a fine pitching performance, but this time it wasn't from Billy Ardis. The mound belonged to junior Ronnie Grooms. Monday afternoon at Riley Park, Ronnie hurled a three-hitter for 6 2/3 innings as Sumter edged Hartsville, 2-1, to move the Gamecocks over the .500 mark the first time this spring.

• Sumter County's STAR student and teacher, Martha Graham Stoddard and James Grady Locklear, both of Edmunds High School, receive first runner-up plaques from Congressman Tom Gettys during the recent Fifth Congressional District competition in Rock Hill.

• Construction of city water lines along Boulevard Road and in Pine Acres subdivision have been completed and are ready for customers' hook-ons, according to H. C. Gardener, city superintendent of public works. Residents on Boulevard Road between Lemira School and Mooneyhan Road and in Pine Acres Subdivision should make connection application and pay tap-on fees at City Hall. City officials anticipate that connections can be made within three to four days after applications are made.

• Sumter's girls' tennis team won every set but one, and the Lady Birds went on to crush Rock Hill's team, 9-0, in a match at Memorial Park. The Sumter team ran its record to six wins against three defeats for the season. In the No. 1 singles match, Mary Abbott disposed of Rock Hill's D. Dickson, 6-1, 6-3.

• With the retirement of Mrs. Mary Burgess Warren on April 22 ends an era that spans over half a century of service to others. Born in Stateburg, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Warren Hamilton Burgess, she moved to Sumter at the age of 12 and has made her home here since. Traveling, though, has always been high on her list of "favorite things," and she hopes that now she will be able to indulge in more of the same.

• Ricker Lane, the Dogpatch of downtown Sumter, is rid, finally, of the dilapidated structures that for years have been a source of shame to proud citizens. Razing of the 11 houses along Ricker Lane is part of a continuing effort to eventually rid the city of all substandard dwellings. During the two years since City Council adopted the Minimum Housing Code, 218 buildings have been removed or repaired, with action pending on 278 additional structures.

• Righthander Perry Johnson continued to sparkle on the mound for Lincoln High's high-riding baseball team as he hurled a three-hit shutout to lead the Bulldogs to a 2-0 victory over Dennis High at Sumter on Thursday afternoon. Johnson picked up his fifth win of the season without a loss and fanned 12 Dennis batters in the process. The victory was No. 8 for the Bulldogs, a school that had no baseball team two years ago. The team has lost just once and has a good shot at the conference crown.

**25 YEARS AGO — 1993**

Jan. 15 — Jan. 21

• Former Sumter Mayor Robert "Beau" Graham was named the Sumter Family YMCA's 1993 Humanitarian of the Year during the organization's annual meeting and banquet. Graham, who has been in the real estate business since 1937 and served three consecutive terms as mayor from 1964-1972, was chosen to receive the award by the last five recipients, according to Rand Bailey, director of the YMCA. Selection was based on service to the YMCA and the city and "contribution to society," Bailey said.

• Hillcrest coach James Smith wanted to try something a little different in Friday night's game against Lancaster. "I wanted to try a little experiment in the first period," Smith said. "We needed to work on our rebounding, and I thought I would change the lineup around." It did not work, but the Wildcats, still unbeaten in Region IV 4A, routed Lancaster 72-54 at the Hillcrest gymnasium.

• Laidlaw and the state health department laid down the ground rules during the third day of hearings over Laidlaw's pending hazardous waste operating permit: It's all or nothing. Laidlaw Environmental Services of South Carolina Inc. has been operating its 279-acre hazardous-waste landfill on the shores of Lake Marion under a temporary permit since 1980. The company was issued a permanent operating permit by the state Department of Health and Environment in 1989, but the permit was appealed by Sumter's Citizens Asking for a Safe Environment and several other environmental groups.

• All is well with Dexter Davis. The former Sumter High and Clemson standout intercepted some passes and even started a few games for the NFL's Phoenix Cardinals this year. The Cardinals finished the season with the same record (4-12 overall, 3-5 in the NFC East) as the year before. There's speculation in the league that head coach Joe Bugel is on his way out. Davis, a second-year cornerback who started in four games this year, said Bugel should get another shot.

• Sumter City Council plans to award a contract to the state for the purchase of eight police cars. It will also receive an audit report for fiscal 1991-92. City Manager Talmadge Tobias noted that the eight 1993 Ford LTD Crown Victoria sedans will be used as marked patrol-pursuit cars and could be on the street within 90 days. The cars cost \$12,400 each, and the expenditure is included in this year's city budget. The city, which in recent years has typically replaced eight to 12 police cars a year, is planning to replace 12 this year, according to Tobias. In addition to the eight patrol cars, the city plans to buy four detective and traffic enforcement cars later this year.

• As Sumter celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, black and white community leaders vowed to work together to solve racial problems. About 350 people celebrated the day at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in a service of song and Scripture sponsored by the Sumter Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Community leaders and students spoke about King. All local government offices and public schools were closed in recognition of the day, as were some businesses.

• As expected, Hillcrest's Wildcats took over as the top-ranked 4A boys basketball team in the latest Associated Press high school basketball poll, released today. Hillcrest, 13-2, was second in last week's poll but knocked off then-No. 1 Irmo 53-41. Sumter High, 11-5, retained its No. 8 ranking despite suffering losses to Spring Valley and Lower Richland recently.

• Despite renewed calls by angry parents for the firing of Superintendent John Wall, the Lee County School Board voted 4-1 to extend his contract for another year. The contract would have expired June 30, 1994, but was extended through June 30, 1995. Wall said he was paid \$57,000 a year. About 40 parents and residents attended the meeting, but that number had dwindled to about 10 by the time the board emerged from a closed session to renew Wall's contract. It was 11 p. m. when the board voted. The meeting, held at Fleming Middle School, started at 7:30 p. m.

# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## The fear of getting lost in the outdoors

One of our greatest fears is the thought of getting lost. There aren't many places in this part of the world to get lost in, but it does happen occasionally in Sparkleberry Swamp. Ever so often we hear about some duck hunter or fisherman that gets off track and spends the night in this vast swampland above Lake Marion.

There aren't any roads and not many marked boat trails in this largely uncharted place. Most outdoorsmen have learned to navigate the area by doing a little bit of exploring. You may also go a few times with someone who knows the swamp, then go back on your own to explore some more.

Of course, nowadays we have a Global Positioning System that will map your course and make it virtually impossible to get lost. That is, as long as you have good batteries and favorable atmospheric conditions to connect with the right satellites.

But, you know, we didn't always have handheld GPS units, and some-

times we had to do what I call dead reckoning. That is, using the best possible information that you have and some personal intuitive senses to chart a course. That's usually the best way to get lost.

Weather can play a big part, too, especially in rain or fog. Fluctuations in water levels in the swamp can also cause some confusing effects.

Years ago, I did a lot of duck hunting in the Upper Sparkleberry Swamp. One morning my brother Matt and I put the boat in at Pack's Landing and ran the Santee River up to Broadwater. There was a full moon, and it was as clear as a bell all the way up. We noticed that the river level was way up from the day before. That alone can make navigation somewhat tricky with a spotlight at night in the swamp.

When we ran up Broadwater creek we noticed that all the woods were flooded, and a thick fog began to set in as we turned into Little Otter Flat.

After a few minutes, I realized we were out of the main creek. The high water made it possible to go just about anywhere, but I didn't want to go just about anywhere. I wanted to hunt in the flats off Little Creek. We needed to follow Little Otter Flat up to Bass Hole and turn off into Little Creek.

When I realized we were out of the main creek I stopped the boat. With the spotlight on, it illuminated the fog, and you couldn't see anything but fog. With the spotlight off, you couldn't see well enough to navigate the logs and stumps and brush. So we just stopped and sat there.

It was still early, about 4:30 a.m., and we had plenty of time to get to our destination if the fog lifted.

I told Matt that we were still close to the main run, and surely another party of duck hunters would come along in a little while on Little Otter Flat. We would just pull out to the main creek when they passed by. But nobody came by for nearly an hour. The fog was slowly breaking up now, and I was anxious to get going.

Just then we heard a boat coming from the opposite direction toward us, and we could see their spotlight. They were coming up Little Otter Flat from the Dead River turnoff. When they were about 50 yards away I turned on my spotlight and shined it in their direction. They stopped and turned off their motor.

We couldn't see them for the brush but could hear several people talking. I told Matt that they were probably sitting in the creek, but just to be sure I

called out to them. "Are you guys sitting in the creek?" I asked. They laughed, and one finally answered, "What's the matter, are you lost?"

"Well no," I answered, "we just got out of the main creek."

Those guys just howled with laughter.

"What creek are you looking for?" they asked.

When I answered "Little Otter Flat" they laughed some more. Quite frankly, I didn't see the humor in it and just out of curiosity asked, "What creek are you guys in?" When they answered "Pine Island Creek" I realized that they were lost!

They laughed and talked some more, then cranked up and headed off through the swamp. I hoped that they would make it home.

By now the fog had lifted, and when we pulled out into the creek where the guys had been sitting, I recognized it as Little Otter Flat. We went on to our destination with no problem. The water was so high we had to hunt out of the boat that morning, but we did manage to get a few ducks that day.

As it turned out, we weren't really lost, only turned around a little bit, but I'm not so sure about those other guys.



Dan Geddings

### Gadwall drake shot



PHOTO PROVIDED

John Martin McLeod is seen with a beautiful gadwall drake that he shot on Lake Marion during the holidays.

## Hurricanes harm birds, too: What you can do to help them

BY JOAN CASANOVA  
Special to The Sumter Item

Americans in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico suffered through devastating hurricanes last year, and they weren't alone in their desolation — Hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria also caused unparalleled upheaval for wildlife, including bird populations. Many nature experts are worried about the long-term impact the horrific storms will have on migratory birds, from reducing the amount of food available to them and throwing off their migration schedules to altering migratory courses and even exposing them to a range of man-made toxins.

Mother Nature Network points out that the storms affected two of the major "flyways" for migratory birds traveling from their breeding areas in North America to their winter homes in the South. The National Wildlife Federation reports that Texas alone is a migratory funnel for about 300 bird species, including hummingbirds, highly endangered whooping cranes and prairie chickens. Further, Audubon reports the Caribbean is home to 172 bird species found nowhere else in the world, and 56 of them are already threatened.

Given the widespread impact of the 2017 hurricane season on bird populations, which stripped foliage and natural food sources, such as trees, fruits and insects, chances are good some birds who visited your backyard this year have been adversely affected.

You can do your part to support birds — both those that migrate and ones that stay put during winter — by providing them with food and water throughout the cold-weather months.

The wild bird experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products Co. provide some suggestions for meeting birds' dietary needs during difficult winter months:

- Wild birds must eat about 1/4 to 1/2 their body weight daily to survive. During winter, when many of their natural food sources disappear, birds can find it arduous and challenging to sustain their nutritional needs without some human help. Filling feeders with quality seed blends for seed-eaters, offer-

ing options such as dried mealworms for insect-eaters and providing high-fat suet for all types of birds can assist them in finding the essential energy they need to weather winter.

- Seeds full of cheap fillers such as oats and red milo, or ones with synthetic or lab-engineered ingredients, won't benefit or meet birds' nutritional needs. What's more, many birds simply won't eat low-quality seed, leaving them seeking other food sources. Choose natural feed composed of top-of-the-crop seeds, such as Black oil sunflower, Niger seed, white millet, Safflower and raw peanuts that birds love. Sunflower Meats, for example, contains nothing but shelled sunflower seeds, and it's a favorite feed for a wide range of backyard birds.

- Suet is a must-serve selection for many varieties of backyard birds. Birds need an optimum calorie intake, and suet is a smart way to supplement their needs. Convenient options like no-melt suet cakes and suet kibbles make it easier than ever to supply birds with an energy-packed powerhouse food source.

- Many birds also enjoy fruits or raw peanuts. Mockingbirds and orioles will appreciate some raisins or currants soaked in water overnight, served in a bowl feeder.

- Feeder quality, type, maintenance and location are critical considerations during winter. Most seed-eating birds favor tube feeders, and ground feeders or birds that like mealworms or fruit will appreciate an easy-access bowl feeder. Keep feeders clean to minimize mold, mildew and other unhealthy conditions that can make birds sick. Feeders should be placed in sheltered locations out of severe winds and near protective cover such as hedges to offer birds safety from predators. You can place them about five feet away from a wall or window to avoid possible collisions and still allow for indoor birdwatching.

- Birds require water for drinking and bathing, and finding fresh, unfrozen water can be problematic for them when temperatures dip below freezing. Place a fountain or spritzer in your birdbath to keep water moving and unfrozen. You can also find heated birdbaths that gently warm water, ensuring birds can always find drinkable water in winter.

**Did you kill a big buck? Kill your first deer? Catch a big fish? Catch your first fish?**

We want to share your outdoor photos with our readers. Email your photo submissions to [press-release@theitem.com](mailto:press-release@theitem.com). Please include name of person in the photo, where the catch or kill took place and any other pertinent information.

## Darlington farm family places in national competition

BY SOUTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU

Darlington family farmers Ty and Tracy Woodard were named top 10 winners of the National Achievement Award Competition recently at the 99th Annual American Farm Bureau Federation Convention.

More than 100 South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation members attended the convention in Nashville on Jan. 5-10. State award winners, committee members and voting delegates attended sessions about technology, market outlooks, farm bill, leadership and the future of farming.

Winners of the Young Farmers &

Ranchers Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and Excellence in Agriculture competitions were announced during the convention. Young farmers and ranchers from across the country competed for the awards by demonstrating knowledge of and achievement in agriculture, as well as commitment to promoting the agriculture industry.

The Achievement Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operations and exhibited superior leadership abilities.

Participants are evaluated on a combination of their agricultural operation's growth and financial prog-

ress, Farm Bureau leadership and leadership outside of Farm Bureau.

Nikki Kelley of Charleston, the SCFB state winner of the Excellence in Agriculture award, was named one of the top 10 candidates of the national competition. The Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who do not derive the majority of their income from an agricultural operation but who actively contribute and grow through their involvement in agriculture, their leadership ability and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Case Chumley of Spartanburg also

competed at the national level on behalf of SCFB during the AFBF Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet Contest.

Attendees also heard from President Donald Trump as he spoke about what is being done in Congress and the White House to aid farmers in providing the food and fiber to fuel the world.

"The men and women in this room come from different backgrounds and from all across our land, but each of you carries the same title that's been proudly borne by patriots and pioneers, inventors and entrepreneurs, the title of — very proudly — American farmer," Trump said.

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#### Announcements



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February 15th, 2017  
5:30-9:30 in Sumter  
Call 803-840-4523.

#### Lost & Found

**Found 2 young Dogs** black & tan off Hwy 378 (MB Hwy.) Call 803-840-5205. Proof of ownership required

#### In Memory



**Happy 70th Birthday in Heaven to Our Dear Mother Elizabeth Virginia Carter**  
As we opened our eyes this morning we looked to the heavens above, we whispered, 'Happy Birthday, Momma', And sent you all our love. Thinking of you on your birthday, with sadness in our hearts, for a very special someone, From whom we had to part. We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch, but God will take our greetings to the one we love so much. We Love You Momma, From your Children and Grandchildren

#### Legal Service

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

#### Roofing

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#### Tax Service

**Wayne Greene and Terri Gagnon** are opening a tax office and future loan office. Mr Greene has come out of retirement and will be doing taxes for any of his former customers. Please contact us for an appointment.  
**Gates Finance & Tax Service**  
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**Ricky's Tree Service** Tree removal, stump grinding, Lic & ins, free quote, 803-435-2223 or cell 803-460-8747.

### MERCHANDISE

#### Firewood

**Split Oak Firewood** \$60 for truck load, 2 truck loads for \$100.(8ft Bed) Delivered stacked. 843-536-6050

#### For Sale or Trade

**Need a truckload of firewood?** \$60 delivered to Sumter or Manning. Call State Tree Service at 803-773-1320.

**4 Cemetery Plots** in Evergreen Cemetery \$6000 for all 4 OBO Call 803-775-4045

**441 Family Haircut** 2635 Peach Orchard Rd. Crickets and firewood for sale. Proceeds go to Shriners Hospital.

**For Sale:** 18,000 BTU with heat, \$175. Call Burgess Appliances 803-983-2918

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

### EMPLOYMENT

#### Help Wanted Full-Time

#### EXPERIENCED HVAC INSTALLER/TECHNICIAN WANTED

Pay Based on Experience  
Must have your own reliable transportation **Location:** Sumter, SC **Job Requirements:** 2+ years' experience installing new HVAC systems, preventative and general maintenance servicing systems, installing duct work, extensive troubleshooting, and HVAC knowledge. Please call (803)968-4718 if interested.

**Wanted laborer** with CDL license, welding experience is a plus. Salary negotiable. For more info. 803-494-9590.

Full time **Experienced Assistant Director** Position available. Exp. in a licensed childcare facility. High school diploma or equivalent. A degree in early childhood or CDA. Apply at Bright Beginnings, 416 Wise Dr. Sumter or call 803-773-4300.

**Help Wanted** from Manning, SC. Live in care giver needed for elderly woman. For more info please contact 267-442-8603 or 267-608-7952

**Law office** seeks employee for Secretarial position requiring efficient typing, dictaphone, computer and office skills. Send resume to Box 338 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

**Roll -off and Landoll** truck drivers needed. CDL license required. Call A Mobile Storage 803-773-5439

### NOTICE OF AWARD HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority has awarded HOME Investment Partnership Program funds (HOME Program) to Douglas Sumter, LLC in the amount of \$247,862.00. These HOME Funds have been awarded to develop Evergreen Villas, forty-nine (49) affordable rental units for seniors in Sumter, South Carolina.

This HOME award will increase the number of affordable housing units available for lease in the community to low-income households and may also provide contracting and employment opportunities. The HOME Program is an Equal Housing Opportunity Program and is subject to the requirements of the Fair Housing Act of 1988, as amended. Minority, women, and Section 3 businesses (as defined by 24 CFR 135) are encouraged to participate.

Douglas Sumter, LLC does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment of or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. Anyone with questions concerning this HOME funded project should contact Douglas Sumter, LLC at 843-358-1052.

#### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Roper Staffing** has the following openings:

- Customer Service Representative
- Administrative Assist.
- CSR/Accounting
- Forklift Operators
- Quality Technicians
- Manual CNC Machinist
- Cost Accountant
- Exp. Welders (Fit)
- Warehouse Supervisor
- CNC Operators/MAOPs
- Industrial Spray Painters
- Welder/Fabricator
- Driver/Delivery
- Chemistry Lab Manager

**APPLICATION TIMES:** Monday-Wednesday from 8:30-10:00am and 1:30-3:00pm. Please call the Sumter office at 803-938-8100 to inquire about what you will need to bring with you when registering. For more detailed information on the job listings go to [www.ropersstaffing.com](http://www.ropersstaffing.com)

**Established full service tax,** book-keeping and payroll company located in Sumter, SC is seeking a bookkeeper and payroll clerk. Experience with SageOne or Intuit Quickbooks required. This is a full time position. Hours are flexible and compensation is based on experience. Resumes and references may be submitted to [HRavinAssociates@gmail.com](mailto:HRavinAssociates@gmail.com).

**Seasonal Tax Preparer wanted.** HR Avin Associates, LLC of Sumter, SC has an immediate opening for a seasonal tax preparer. This position may lead to a full time position based on performance. This employee will work directly with a senior tax consultant who will provide training and support. Knowledge of Drake or similar tax preparation software is preferred. HR Avin Associates, LLC has been serving Sumter and surrounding areas for 34 years. Hours are flexible and compensation is based on experience. Resumes and references may be submitted to: [HRavinAssociates@gmail.com](mailto:HRavinAssociates@gmail.com).

**Licensed P & C Agent** in Manning Area. Must be team oriented & work well with the public. Must be organized w/ exc. sales skills. Exp. is req. Send resume to P-479 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

**Truck Driver**  
**Helena Chemical Company,** a national agricultural-chemical company, has an opening for a truck driver with CDL A Class or B Class. A hazmat endorsement would be a plus. This person will make deliveries, load and unload products, ability to use forklift and perform various warehouse duties. Requires a high school diploma or GED equivalent. We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package

**Applications** will be taken Monday-Friday, during the hours of 8am-4pm, at Helena Chemical Co., 5055 Florence Hwy 76, Mayesville, SC, 29104. You can also apply online on AgCareers.com. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F/V/H

**Mechanic Needed**  
Looking for skilled mechanic and experienced. Top pay for qualified candidate. Apply at Newman's Automotive. Please call Tracy at 803-773-3379

**Experienced Electricians & helpers** needed immediately. Call 803-968-2303

#### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Contractors Wanted!**  
The Sumter Item has a newspaper route for the Bishopville area. Contractor will service home delivery, newspaper racks & newspaper dealers. Also need contractor for the Mayesville, Elliott & Lynchburg route. Must have good dependable transportation & a phone in your home. Come by & apply at 36 W. Liberty St. or call Reda at 803-774-1257

#### Trucking Opportunities

**NOW HIRING Exp. Class A CDL drivers (OTR).** Must be able to pass D.O.T physical exam & alcohol/drug screen. At least 1 year flatbed exp. Must be able to work Mon - Fri. Call Darnell at 803-410-0178.

### RENTALS

#### Rooms for Rent

**Randolph's Landing Winter Rental.** Motel Room 2 Dbl beds, micr., TV., fridge. Wkly or monthly. Full hook-up camp sites. Free pier fishing. Call for rates. (803)478-2152. End of Hwy 260, foot of the dam. On grounds rest. Fayz Place.

**Men's Large room for rent** No deposit. No lease. Call 803-565-7924.

#### Unfurnished Apartments

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

**Huntington Place Apartments**  
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**Leasing office located at Ashton Mill Apartment Homes**  
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#### Unfurnished Apartments

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#### Unfurnished Homes

**1670 Pinewood Rd** 3 BR 1Ba, Recently renovated, carport, C/H/A/ Rent + deposit. Call 803-795-6126

**House for Rent: 3BR 1BA** C/H/A, fenced yard. \$500 a month/\$500 security. No pets/ No smoking. Contact Ruth: 803-494-5422

#### Mobile Home Rentals

**Scenic Lake**  
**2 & 3BR 2BA No pets,** Section 8 accepted. 499-1500 or 469-6978 btwn 9am-5pm

#### Office Rentals

**690 Bultman Dr** 1612 Sq. Ft. Reception area w/ hwd floors, 4 Private offices, Conference rm, Secretarial work area, Copier/Equip. Rm, Shower rm, 2 1/2 baths, file storage rm, \$2050 mo+\$57.76 CAM Call 803 773-1477

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Autos For Sale

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Starting at \$1995  
Price is Right Auto Sales  
3210 Broad St 803-494-4275

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

The Sumter City - County Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 3:00 P.M. in the Planning Department Conference Room located in the Liberty Center (12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public meeting.

If there are any questions, please call George McGregor or Donna McCullum at (803) 774-1660.

#### Beer & Wine License

#### Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Kanifanath Krupa, LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and **OFF** premises consumption of **Beer & Wine** at **428 Boulevard Road, Sumter, SC 29153**. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **February 6, 2018**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

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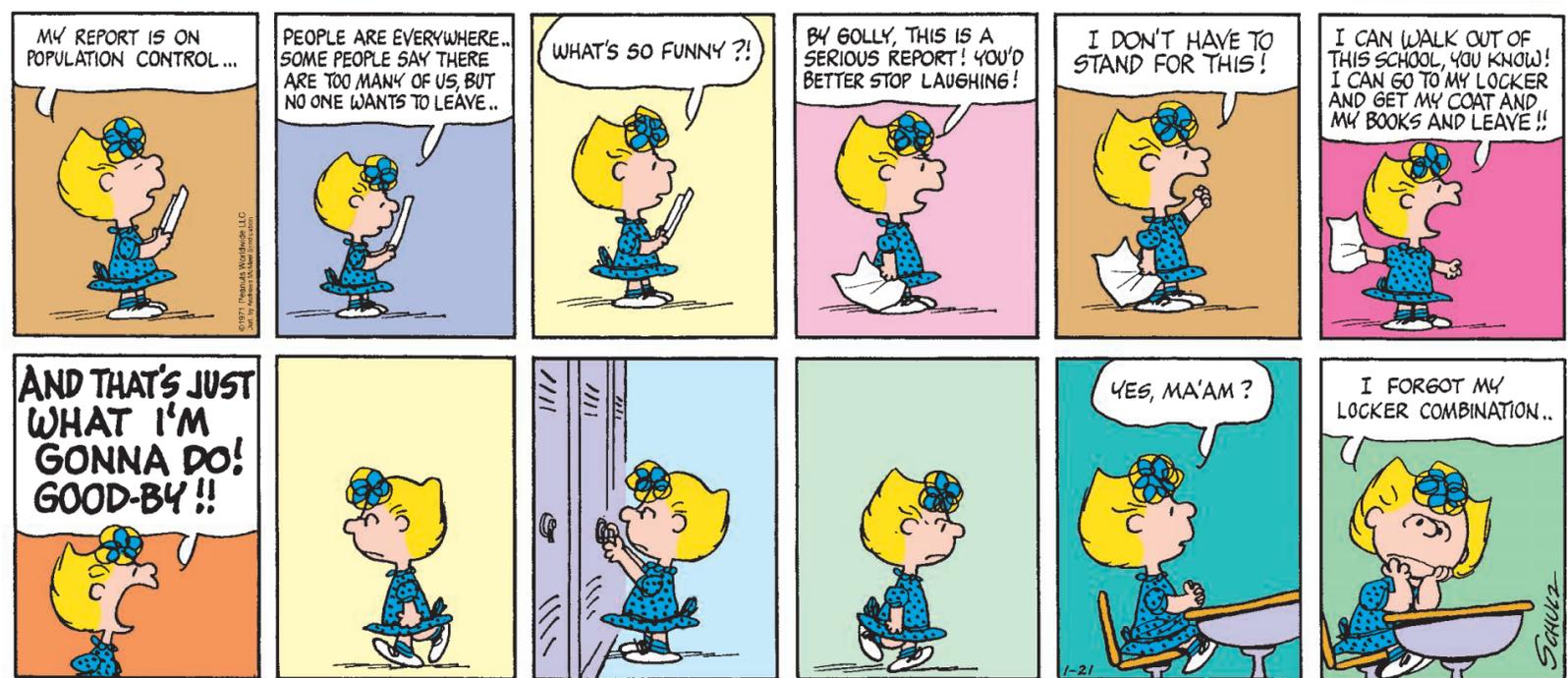
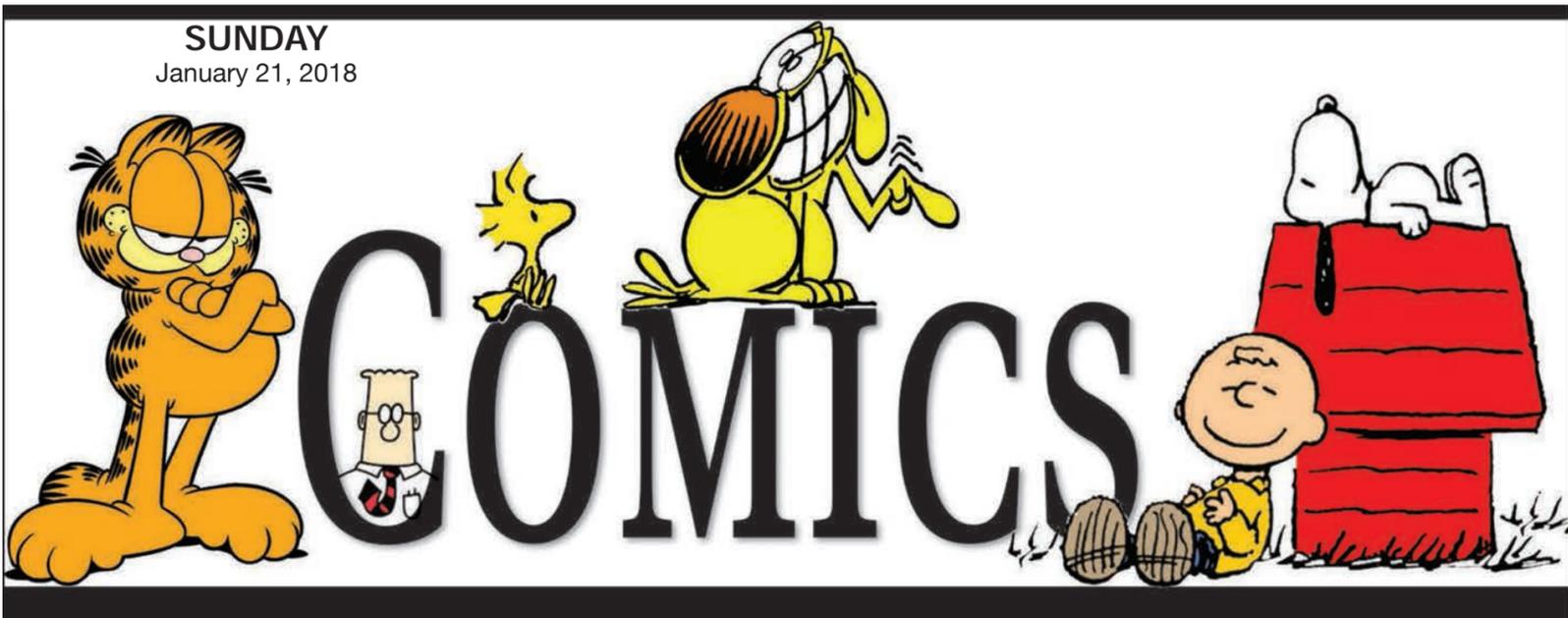
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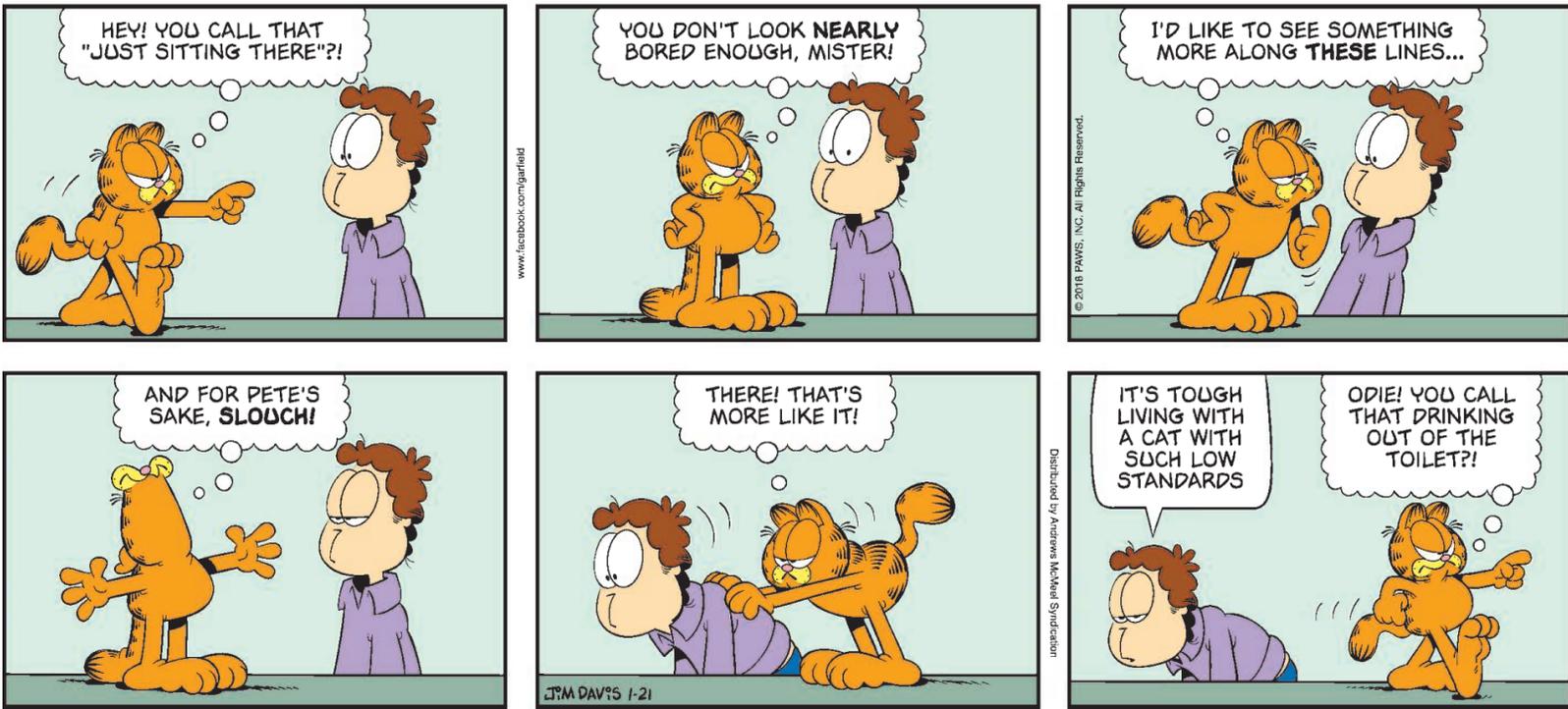
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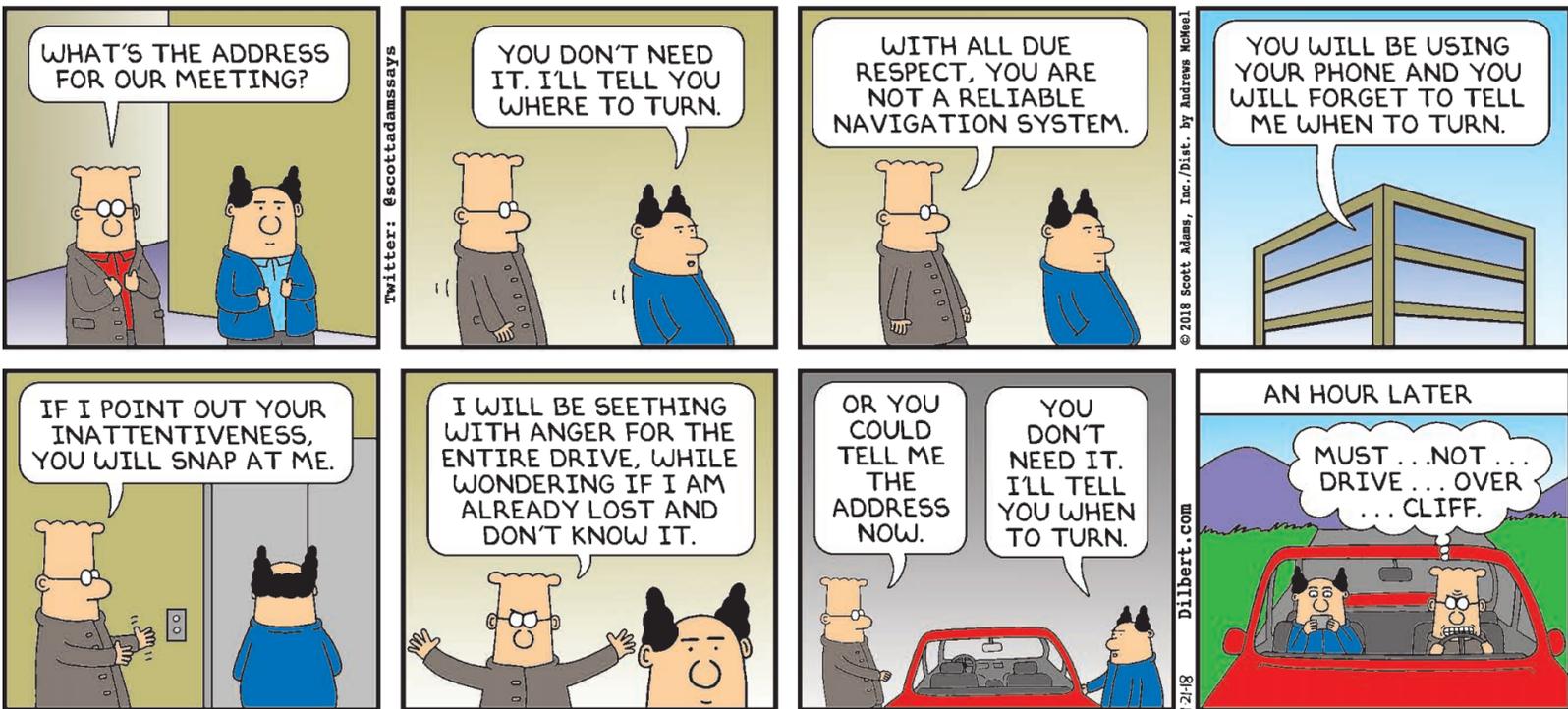
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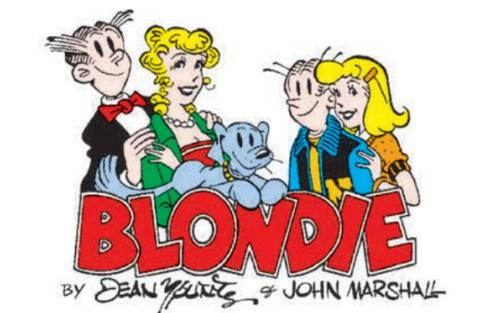
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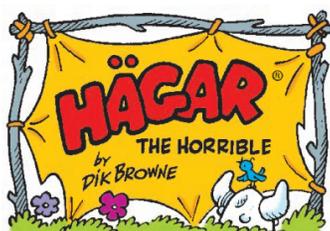
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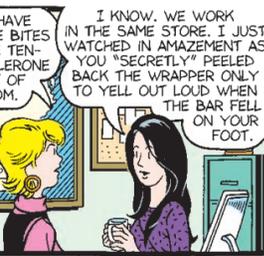
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#### DOODLE ZOO

I WAS RAISED AS AN ONLY CHILD... IT REALLY ANNOYED MY SISTER.

#### DRAW!!

DRAW A SNOWMAN!

#### RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHY DID THE CHICKEN RUN ONTO THE BASEBALL FIELD?  
A. TO CATCH A FOWL BALL.  
Gwen Ryan, Madison, WI

Q. WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND RED ALL OVER?  
A. AN EMBARRASSED ZEBRA.  
Paul Keller, Portland, OR

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fingers are moved. 2. Towel is longer. 3. Hair is longer. 4. Phone cord is different. 5. Shower curtain is not as wide. 6. Table leg is moved.

# FRANK AND ERNEST

#### POLICE VANDALISM DIVISION

KIDS LIKE WILLIAM HERE, WITH TIME ON THEIR HANDS AND NOTHING TO DO, GET INTO TROUBLE.

HE WAS CARRYING A DRILL WHEN PICKED UP BY THE BIG SIGN ALONGSIDE THE HIGHWAY.

PLEASE DON'T SAY IT, ERNIE.

BORED BILL BORED BILLBOARD!

THAT COMMENT IS THE REAL CRIME.

#### MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

AREN'T YOU DONE? THIS IS TAKING TWICE AS LONG AS YOU PROMISED.

GOD CREATED THE WHOLE WORLD IN ONLY SIX DAYS.

YEAH, BUT I HEARD THAT HE PROMISED IT IN THREE.

### WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

ME...MI, MI, MI...MEE, ME...

OKAY, HERE WE GO

RHEHEHEHE...

ARHAHAHA...

...UM

HAHAHAHARRR

...ALMOST

WHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

I'VE GOT THE DIABOLICAL LAUGH DOWN... LET'S SEE IF I CAN GET THE SPELL TO WORK

...YOU'VE GOT SOME ISSUES

#### GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

WHAT ARE YOU EATING? HASHTAG UGLY FOOD.

CHOPPED POTATOES SQUISHED INTO A FUN SHAPE. IRONICALLY, IT'S CALLED HASH-

PFF. HASHTAG WHATEVER. HASHTAG PRINGLE FAIL.

WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING HASHTAG?

BECAUSE IT VERIFIES WHAT I'M SAYING AS TRUE. HASHTAG DUH.

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A PHONE.

HASHTAG HOW DARE YOU! HASHTAG PHONE-ISM!

DO YOU KNOW HOW TWITTER WORKS?

UH, HASHTAG OFFLINE COUNTS. HASHTAG HUMANSPLAINING.

HASHTAG HASH TAGGED!

OH! I GOT A BETTER ONE!

HASH TAG FACE BOOKED!

### THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

GLADYS.

GLADYS! HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?

I'M IN MISERY! I CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE I BOTCHED THE QUIGLEY ACCOUNT...

AND I'M AFRAID OF WHAT THE CHIEF WILL DO WHEN HE FINDS OUT THIS MORNING!

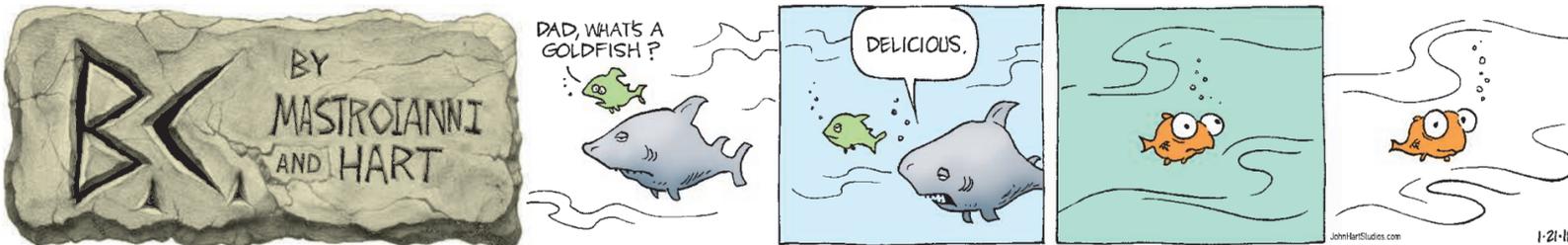
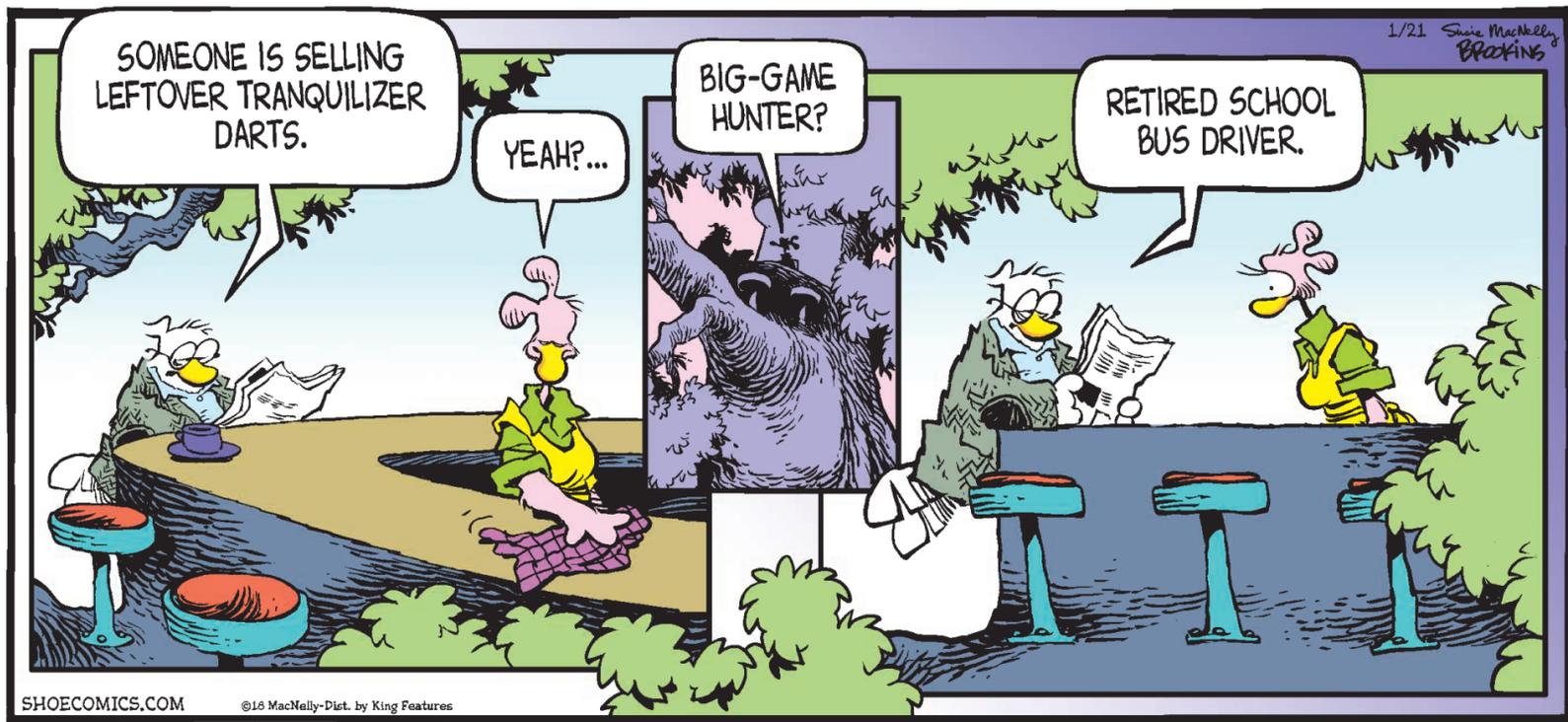
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