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Clarendon districts 1, 3 may consolidate services

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A new state law is requiring 13 small school districts, including two in Clarendon County, to consolidate services in some fashion if they aren't doing so already with neighboring districts.

Becky Bean with the South Carolina School Boards Association and other state and area school officials spoke Monday on new legislation passed by the

state General Assembly in late June that will require Clarendon School District 1, based in Summerton, and Clarendon School District 3, based in Turbeville, to consolidate administrative functions.

"It's not to consolidate the districts; instead, it's services," Bean said.

The piece of legislation was contained in a state proviso and passed on June 29, the same day the General Assembly passed the

state budget for fiscal year 2019, which began July 1.

Ryan Brown, chief communications officer with the state Department of Education, said his agency already had an Aug. 15 conference call with all 13 districts before state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman formally wrote a letter to all the superintendents last week on Aug. 21. In her letter, Spearman

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PHOTOS PROVIDED

Sheriff Randy Garrett, former sheriff for Clarendon County, died Saturday at 64.

RANDOLPH LEE 'RANDY' GARRETT JR. 1954 - 2018

Former sheriff was friend to many, had a servant's heart

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Loving husband and father, devoted brother, true friend, selfless servant, peacemaker and "a cop's cop" were just a few of the monikers those close to former Clarendon County Sheriff Randy Garrett used to describe their late comrade.

Surrounded by his family and members of his law enforcement extended family, Randolph Lee "Randy" Garrett Jr., 64, died late Saturday afternoon in a Florence hospital after a brief illness.

To know Garrett was to love him, and he loved his close friends and his law enforcement family, calling many of them "Shug" and "Bubba." Hundreds, if not a thousand or more, friends, residents of Clarendon County and law enforcement officers from dozens of agencies across South Carolina sent loving posts on Facebook to Garrett's daughters and family members after they learned their close friend, a 44-year law enforcement veteran, was hospitalized on Aug. 20.

Garrett's daughter, Lamonda Sweat, said late Saturday night she and her sisters truly appreciated all the prayers that were sent their way during the week her father was hospitalized. It kept them going, she said.

Local businessman Dennis Craven said he and Garrett were more than just friends — they were brothers in the truest sense of the word.

"We were there for each other through thick and thin," Craven said Monday morning. "I was there for him when officers were killed, when his mother died and when Barbara died. And, he was there for me when I needed him. Our relationship was special. No matter what, I knew he was there for me. We always said that whatever comes and goes that he and I would always be brothers."

State Sen. Kevin Johnson, who hired Garrett as Manning's police chief when Johnson was the city's mayor, called Garrett's death not only a huge loss for Clarendon County, but also for him personally.

"I'm happy to have played a role in his law enforcement career. When I was mayor of Manning, I hired him as our police chief, and he served our city well. Not only was he a professional law enforcement officer, he was one of my best friends. We even called each other brother. My family and I extend our thoughts and prayers to his daughters, Lamonda, Christina and Brittney," Johnson said Sunday afternoon.

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis called Garrett a "true friend" and a "selfless servant."

"He leaves behind a legacy of not only honorable service, but also a legacy of dedication and compassion to his family, friends and fellow officers," Dennis said Monday. "He was

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E-tickets used in traffic campaign

CAMPAIGN BY THE NUMBERS

- \$40,025.50** in fines
- 67** speeding tickets
- 43** seat belt violations
- 5** child restraint violations
- 8** open container violations
- 59** warnings issued
- 19** driving under suspension violations
- 10** arrests
- 2** fugitives identified
- 5** firearms seized
- 17** arrest warrants served

Source: Sumter County Sheriff's Office



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A Sumter County Sheriff's Office deputy writes down information about a confiscated handgun that will be included in an incident report during a campaign Saturday.

Law enforcement cracks down on violations

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office, along with other local, neighboring and state law enforcement agencies, issued approximately \$40,000 in fines during the second Saturday traffic violation saturation campaign to correct poor driving habits and crack down on illegal activity on some of the most traveled roadways.

This past weekend, 20 officers from Sumter Police Department, Clarendon County Sheriff's Office and South Carolina Highway Patrol teamed up with Sumter County deputies to look for traffic violations along

S.C. 261, U.S. 521 and U.S. 15 in Sumter and Clarendon counties. Two Sumter City-County Dispatch officers also assisted in Saturday's operation.

Law enforcement officers issued a total of \$40,205.50 in fines, about \$18,000 more than the previous month, for offenses including speeding, driving under suspension, driving without a seat belt, child restraint violations and driving without insurance.

There was also a significant increase in seat belt violations with 43 recorded on Saturday compared to eight recorded violations last month.

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STANLEY WELCH • 1951-2018

Local businessman remembered as a gentle spirit

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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One family continues to cherish and share the memories of a beloved husband and father who was known throughout Sumter as a man who had a knack for making people look and feel their best.

Stanley Welch, owner of Stanley Welch Clothiers — one of Sumter's most well-known locally owned clothing stores — passed away at the age of 66 on Aug. 18, 2018, surrounded by his family in his home after a battle with ALS.

"On March 1, 1981, Stanley was 30 years old as he opened Stanley Welch Clothiers," Millie Jones Welch, Stanley's wife, said. "I would say one of his happiest moments was selling his first suit to Dr. Harold Sorrells, our minister at Grace Baptist Church, beginning his long-time dream of owning a men's clothing store," she said.

Welch operated Stanley Welch Clothiers on Guignard Drive for 35 years before closing the doors in 2015.

He truly valued his customers and their friend-

ships, said Katie Welch Shaw, Stanley's daughter, who worked alongside him for almost six years.

"My dad and I always had a close relationship growing up," she said, "but it wasn't until I spent the quality time working with him that we developed the close bond that I'll forever cherish."

"He was the hardest-working person I've ever known," Shaw said, "and that was because he never worked a day in his life."

His clothing store was not work; it was his passion, she said, and he found so much joy in it.

Shaw described her father as a gentle spirit who never lost his cool.

"His positivity and outlook on life was infectious and something I always admired," she said.

Stanley had a good sense of humor and could make others feel comfortable and relaxed, said Dickie Jones, Welch's brother-in-law.

It was not uncommon for people to stop by the store just to visit with him, he said.

He had a great sense of color and texture for the person he was dressing, Jones said.

"Stanley was a real good student of people," he said. He used to say, Jones



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Stanley Welch adjusts a tie in his clothing store, Stanley Welch Clothiers, in 2006.

said, if you're going to judge a man, judge him on his best day.

A funeral service for Stanley Welch was held at First Baptist Church on Aug. 21.

Welch is survived by his wife of 40 years; three daughters, Elizabeth Welch Klosterman (Bryan) of Columbia, Ann Miller Welch Garris (Robert) of Columbia and Katie Welch Shaw

(Burns) of Sumter; six grandchildren and a seventh due in November; and two sisters, Brenda Welch Carroll of Bristol, Tennessee, and Linda Kay Welch Boykin of Bamberg.

Sumter County Council to hold public hearings for road transfers

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Council will meet at 6 p.m. today in County Council Chambers, third floor of Sumter County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal St., to consider:

- Second reading of three of an ordinance to amend the county's flood damage prevention ordinance to adopt the Wateree Watershed Maps and Flood Insurance Study revisions that will go into effect on Sept. 28 and to update the ordinance to make correc-

tions and clarifications noted in the 2014 South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Community Assistance Visit and the 2017 Community Rating System Cycle Visit. A public hearing will be held prior to council vote; and

- Second reading of five separate ordinances to authorize the transfer of Ohana Circle, Forest Drive Cul-De-Sac, parts of Winston Road, parts of Earle Street and Alpenglow Court to the respective adjoining property owners. Council will hold a public

hearing prior to voting on each ordinance.

County council will also:

- Recognize the top fundraising participants of the Sumter County Heart Walk;
- Receive an update about Santee-Wateree Regional Transportation Authority and Sumter County Veterans Affairs Ridership program; and
- Receive a presentation from Jasmine Brown, community outreach coordinator for the Center for Heirs Property Preservation.

OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Sumter County Forfeited Land Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in County Council Conference Room, third floor of Sumter County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal St., to discuss one new case item during regular session and two contractual matters during an executive session.
- Sumter County Fiscal, Tax and Property Committee will meet at 5:45 p.m. today in County Council Conference Room to receive a regular financial update about the county.

Restaurant news

The following restaurants and food service establishments were inspected by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control within the past 10 days. A "C" grade is failing.

A Plus Store, 1768 Pinewood Drive, Sumter: **A**
Applebee's, 2947 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
Domino's Pizza #8762, 311 Wesmark Blvd., Sumter: **A**
Dunkin Donuts, 2567 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
Lilfred's, 8425 Camden Highway, Rembert: **A**
Sambino's-Shaw, 1305 Peach Orchard Road, Sumter: **A**
Speedway #2845, 101 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
Taco Bell #31781, 1112 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
Taco Bell #31789, 25 N. Lafayette Drive, Sumter: **A**
Thai House and Sushi Bar, 718 Bultman Drive, Sumter: **A**
Waffle House #1079, 1350 Broad St., Sumter: **A**
Willie Sue's Inc., 3355 Patriot Parkway, Sumter: **A**

Sumter man, 26, killed in Lee County motorcycle crash

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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A 26-year-old Sumter man was killed this weekend when his motorcycle crashed in Lee County.

Marquis Lee Lewis, who would have turned 27 next week, died from injuries sustained during a single-vehicle wreck on S.C. 441/Woodrow Road at the intersection with Rembert Church Road, according to South Carolina Highway

Patrol Trooper Matt Southern. The Lee County Coroner's Office confirmed Lewis was from Orange Street in Sumter.

Lewis was traveling south on Rembert Church Road just before 10 p.m. on Saturday, Southern said, when he disregarded a stop sign and crashed his Honda motorcycle onto the roadway. He was ejected and was not wearing a helmet.

The incident remains under investigation.

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Body left to rot in funeral home leads to charges

COLUMBIA (AP) — Two funeral home workers have been charged with desecration of human remains after authorities say they left a body to rot in an unrefrigerated room surrounded by air-fresheners for nearly three years in South Carolina.

Lawrence Robert Meadows and Roderick Mitchell Cummings, both 40, were indicted Friday by a state grand jury. A conviction on the charge carries a sentence of one to 10 years in prison.

They were supposed to cremate 63-year-old Mary Alice Pitts Moore after her funeral in Greenwood in March 2015 but instead left her remains in a locked room under blankets and "surrounded by fragrant items," and even moved her body from one funeral home to another 65 miles away, according to a lawsuit filed by Moore's family.

Moore's remains were so badly decomposed when found in February at First Family Funeral Home in Spartanburg it took two weeks of reviewing medical records to confirm her identity, Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said.

The state Board of Funeral Service revoked the license of First Family Funeral Home earlier this month after complaints from Moore's family and others.

Meadows lost his funeral director's license in April 2015 in an unrelated matter after he forged the signature and other information on a life insurance document after the person with control of the policy refused to use it to pay for

funeral services, according to state records.

Cummings has never had a funeral license in South Carolina, according to documents.

Meadows' lawyer, state Sen. Scott Talley, didn't return a phone message Monday. Court records indicate Cummings is acting as his own lawyer and calls to a listing for his home went unanswered.

Moore's family held a Celebration of Life service where her body was viewed shortly after her March 26, 2015, death. Her remains were then supposed to be cremated and returned to the family.

The lawsuit and indictment don't give any reason why the funeral home kept Moore's body for nearly three years. *The Post and Courier* of Charleston obtained sworn statements from the State Law Enforcement Division that said that Cummings, and Meadows kept the remains because the family didn't pay its bills.

The newspaper first reported on Moore as part of a series detailing poor oversight of funeral homes around the state.

Moore's husband, Fred Parker Jr., said another funeral home went ahead and cremated his wife's body. Her ashes sit in an urn in his Greenwood home beside a tiny portrait taken from her driver's license — it's the only photo he has.

"Three years," Parker said to the newspaper in a low growl, slowly drawing out the words. "How would you feel? It gets worse every day just thinking about it."

Irmo mayor goes from anti-Muslim posts to demystifying Islam event

COLUMBIA (AP) — Irmo Mayor Hardy King came under fire just a few months ago for anti-Islam Facebook posts. Back then, he stood by his posts but told *The State* he didn't know much about Islam.

That was when Chaudhry Sadiq reached out to King, inviting him to an end-of-Ramadan celebration at a Columbia mosque, Masjid Noor Ul Huda, where Sadiq is president. While there, Sadiq said he pitched the idea of hosting a "demystifying Islam" event, and King agreed.

"It was mutual. It was mutually benefiting, it was mutually rewarding," Sadiq said in a phone interview.

The event, "Demystifying Islam: Understanding Your Muslim Neighbors," will fill part of the Irmo Town Hall with a library of resources on Aug. 30 for locals to learn

about Muslim traditions. Books such as the Quran and other literature on the contributions of Muslims to society will be on display, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session.

"I hope that people that come will come with the open heart and open mind to understand," King said. "I hope they'll go, 'Oh, OK, I didn't know that,' because I didn't know that."

Sadiq is president of the Peace and Integration Council of North America, which is a young national interfaith organization based in Columbia. He said what started as a sour situation that drew much attention and backlash was, in his eyes, a great opportunity.

"God has mysterious ways of bringing people together," Sadiq said.

Former S.C. Gov. Riley participates in prison reading program

COLUMBIA (AP) — A former South Carolina governor is participating in a program that officials hope helps keep inmate fathers in touch with their children.

The Department of Corrections says former Gov. Dick Riley is spending time at Kirkland Correctional In-

stitution today as a special guest for a program called Father's Voice.

Officials say the program was created through the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative and aims to establish a bond between incarcerated parents and their children by providing

ways for them to connect when they can't visit in person or talk on the telephone.

Organizers say inmate fathers on good behavior are given recordable books, on which they can tape their voices and send home to their children.

Cherokee coroner: Woman with laser target gun killed by officers

BLACKSBURG (AP) — A coroner says police officers fatally shot a South Carolina woman after she pointed a gun with a laser targeting system at one of the officers.

Cherokee County Coroner Dennis Fowler says 41-year-old Stephanie Owens called 911 from her Blacksburg home early Sunday morning asking for help.

Fowler says that when Cherokee County sheriff's deputies arrived, Owens had a gun

and threatened to shoot them.

The coroner said in a statement that deputies tried several times to get Owens to drop the gun. But he says that about 55 minutes after she called 911, Owens pointed the laser target at a deputy, and four of the five officers at the scene fired on her.

Fowler says Owens died two hours later.

The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating.

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To make the saturation campaign easier for officers as they issued more than 100 tickets and warnings, some deputies used a new system that allowed them to print electronic tickets.

Deputy Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office, said Saturday was the first time electronic tickets, or e-tickets, were used for the saturation operation.

SCHP has been using e-tickets for about four years, but the sheriff's office printed its first e-ticket on Aug. 14 for speeding, he said.

With the older system, Bell said, deputies hand-write tickets that are manually sent to the state Department of Motor Vehicles and the magistrate's office. The driver receives the original hand-written ticket, and the deputy keeps the copy, he said.

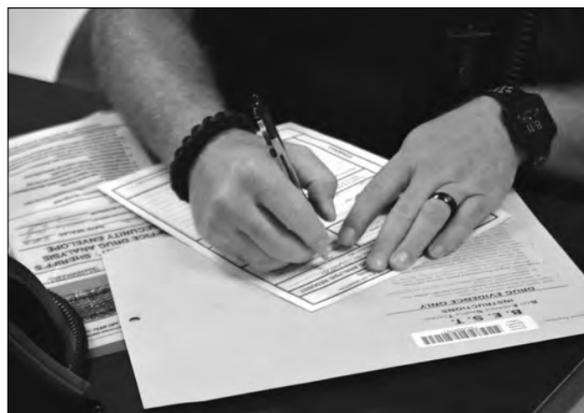
Bell said the new system allows officers to input information on laptops inside their vehicles and print a copy of the ticket or citation for the driver. A copy of each ticket or citation is automatically sent to the DMV and the magistrate's office, and a copy is saved on the deputy's computer, he said.

And when the deputy goes to court for a citation, he can pull up the e-ticket on his laptop or cellphone, he said. This saves a lot of time and paper, he said.

Bell said e-tickets also lower the possibility of errors because the system automatically checks for mistakes which will prevent a ticket from being printed.



PHOTOS BY ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM
Three handguns and ammunition were seized during a traffic stop involving multiple suspects on Saturday during a traffic violation saturation campaign.



A deputy fills out an evidence sheet for marijuana seized Saturday.



A deputy places marijuana seized during a traffic stop into an evidence bag during the campaign.



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President Donald Trump crosses his arms after speaking with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on the phone about a trade agreement between the United States and Mexico in the Oval Office of the White House on Monday in Washington.

U.S. and Mexico tentatively set to replace NAFTA with new deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Snubbing Canada, the Trump administration reached a preliminary deal Monday with Mexico to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement — a move that raised legal questions and threatened to disrupt the operations of companies that do business across the three-country trade bloc.

President Donald Trump suggested that he might leave Canada, America's No. 2 trading partner, out of a new agreement. He said he wanted to call the revamped trade pact "the United States-

Mexico Trade Agreement" because, in his view, NAFTA had earned a reputation as being harmful to American workers.

But first, he said, he would give Canada a chance to get back in — "if they'd like to negotiate fairly." To intensify the pressure on Ottawa to agree to his terms, the president threatened to impose new taxes on Canadian auto imports.

Canada's NAFTA negotiator, Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, is cutting short a trip to Europe to fly to Washington today to try to restart talks.

"We will only sign a new NAFTA that is good for Canada and good for the mid-

dle class," said Adam Austen, a spokesman for Freeland, adding that "Canada's signature is required."

"There is still a great deal of uncertainty — trepidation, nervousness — a feeling that we are on the outside looking in," said Peter MacKay, a former Canadian minister of justice, defense and foreign affairs who is now a partner at the law firm Baker McKenzie.

Critics denounced the prospect of cutting Canada out of a North American trade pact, in part because of the risks it could pose for companies involved in international trade. Many manufacturers have built complex but vital supply chains that cross all three NAFTA borders.

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Mind-altering breast milk? New pot study poses that question

CHICAGO (AP) — Marijuana's main mind-altering ingredient was detected in nursing mothers' breast milk in a small study that comes amid evidence that more U.S. women are using pot during pregnancy and afterward.

Experts say the ingredient, THC, has chemical properties that could allow it to disrupt brain development and potentially cause harm, although solid evidence of that is lacking.

The new study involved 50 nursing mothers who were using pot and provided breast milk samples to researchers at the University of California, San Diego. Lab testing found small amounts of THC, the psychoactive chemical that causes marijuana's "high," in 34 of 54 samples up to six days after they were provided. Another form of THC and cannabidiol, a pot chemical touted by some as a health aid, were detected in five samples.

The study authors said "it is reasonable to speculate" that exposing infants to THC or cannabidiol "could influence normal brain development," depending on dose and timing.

The results echo findings in case reports from years ago, when pot was less potent than what's available today, said study co-author Christina Chambers, a pediatrics professor. It's not known if the amounts detected pose any risk, but she said her research team is studying children whose moms were involved to try to answer that question.

Two small studies from the 1980s had conflicting results on whether pot use affects breastfed infants. One found no evidence of growth delays; the other found slight developmental delays in breastfed infants, but their mothers had used pot during pregnancy too.

Most pediatricians encourage breastfeeding and its health benefits for infants, but "they're stuck with a dilemma" with infants whose mothers use pot, Chambers said.

A new American Academy of Pediatrics report recommending against pot use while pregnant or nursing acknowledges that challenge.

"We still support women breastfeeding even if using marijuana but would encourage them to cut down and quit," said Dr. Seth Ammerman, a report co-author and Stanford University pediatrics professor.

"In counseling patients

about this, it's important to be nonjudgmental but to educate patients about the potential risks and benefits," Ammerman said, to ensure "a healthy outcome for themselves and their baby."

The study and report were published Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has similar advice.

The academy report says its advice is based on theoretical risks to developing brains, but it acknowledges conflicting evidence and a dearth of research. Some studies have linked pot use during pregnancy with lower birth weights or preterm birth, along with developmental delays and learning difficulties in older children. But additional factors including women's use of other drugs during pregnancy complicated the results, the report says.

Study: Weight-loss drug Belviq seems safe for heart

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

For the first time, a drug has been shown to help people lose weight and keep it off for several years without raising their risk for heart problems — a safety milestone that may encourage wider use to help curb the obesity epidemic.

The drug, Belviq, has been sold in the United States since 2013 and is the first of several new weight-loss medicines to succeed in a long-term heart safety study now required by federal regulators to stay on the market.

"Patients and their doctors have been nervous about using drugs to treat obesity and for good reason. There's a history of these drugs having serious complications," said study leader Dr. Erin Bohula of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

With this study, Belviq has been convincingly shown safe for the heart, she said.

Although Belviq did not raise heart risks, it didn't lower them either, as many had hoped it would. The weight loss it produced was fairly modest — after 40 months, Belviq users had shed 9 pounds, twice as much as those on dummy pills.

It may be that weight loss alone is not enough to lower heart risks, or that there needs to be more to do that, some doctors said.

Results were discussed Sunday at a European

Society of Cardiology meeting in Munich and published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Belviq's maker, Eisai Inc., sponsored the study, and many of the researchers consult or work for the company.

Worldwide, 13 percent of adults are obese and 39 percent are overweight, raising their risk for a host of health problems. Diet and exercise are the first steps doctors recommend, but medicines also can be considered for people with dangerously high weight who cannot drop enough pounds by other means.

Several popular diet medicines were previously withdrawn from sale after they were found to raise the risk for heart valve damage, suicidal thoughts or other problems, prompting the new requirement for heart safety studies.

Belviq is an appetite suppressant that works by stimulating brain chemicals to give a feeling of fullness. It costs roughly \$220 to \$290 a month in the United States.

Researchers tested it in a study of 12,000 people who were either obese or overweight with heart disease risk factors such as high blood pressure or cholesterol. They were given Belviq or dummy pills to take twice a day and offered lifestyle and diet advice.

At one year, 39 percent on Belviq and 17 percent on dummy pills had lost at least 5 percent of their starting weight. Several previous studies also found the drug effective for weight loss.

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U.N. team: Myanmar military chiefs should be prosecuted

GENEVA (AP) — Investigators working for the U.N.'s top human rights body said Monday that Myanmar military leaders should be prosecuted for genocide against Rohingya Muslims, taking the unusual step of identifying six by name among those behind deadly, systematic crimes against the ethnic minority.

The call, accompanying a first report by the team of investigators, amounts to some of the strongest language yet from U.N. officials who have denounced alleged human rights violations in Myanmar since a bloody crackdown began last August.

The three-member "fact-finding mission" and their team, working under a mandate from the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council, meticulously assembled hundreds of accounts from expatriate Rohingya, as well as satellite footage and other information to assemble the report.

"The military's contempt for human life, dignity and freedom — for international law in general — should be a cause of concern for the entire population of Myanmar, and to the international community as a whole," said fact-finding mission chair Marzuki Darusman, a former Indonesian attorney-general, at a news conference.

The council created the mission in March last year — nearly six months before a string of deadly rebel attacks on security and police posts set off a crackdown that drove Rohingya to flee into neighboring Bangladesh. The U.N. estimates that more than 700,000 have fled.

The team compiled accounts

of crimes including gang rape, the torching of hundreds of villages, enslavement and killings of children — some before the eyes of their own parents. The team was not granted access to Myanmar and has decried a lack of cooperation or even response from the government, which received an early copy of the report.

The team cited a "conservative" estimate from aid group Reporters Without Borders that some 10,000 people were killed in the violence, but outside investigators have had no access to the affected regions — making a precise accounting elusive, if not impossible.

Above all, the investigators said the situation in Myanmar should be referred to the International Criminal Court, and if not, to a special tribunal. Last week, Myanmar's government rejected any cooperation with the ICC, to which it is not a party. China, a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council with veto power over whether the issue will be brought before the ICC, has been reticent about condemning Myanmar's government during the crisis.

U.N. leaders, foreign government officials, and human

rights watchers have for months cited evidence of genocide in Myanmar, and the United States late last year said that "ethnic cleansing" was occurring in Myanmar. But few experts have studied the issue as in-depth, and in such an official way, as the fact-finding mission with a mandate from the 46-nation council.

The United Nations does not apply the word "genocide" lightly. The team's assessment suggests the crimes against the Rohingya could meet the strict legal definition, used to highlight and condemn state-supported abuses in places like Bosnia, Rwanda and Sudan's Darfur region.

Human rights watchers say that determining "genocidal intent" is perhaps the most difficult criteria to meet: In essence, it's the task of assessing the mindsets of perpetrators to determine if ethnicity, race, religion or another attribute had motivated them.

"The crimes in Rakhine state, and the manner in which they were perpetrated, are similar in nature, gravity and scope to those that have allowed genocidal intent to be established in other contexts,"

the report said, alluding to a region of Myanmar that is home for many Rohingya.

Adding into their assessment: The extreme brutality of the crimes; "hate rhetoric" and specific speech by perpetrators and military commanders; policies of exclusion against Rohingya people; an "oppressive context;" and the "level of organization indicating a plan for destruction."

The investigators cited six Myanmar military leaders as "priority subjects" for possible prosecution, including Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing. A longer list of names is to be kept in the office of the U.N. human rights chief for possible use in future judicial proceedings. The United States and European Union have already slapped sanctions on some Myanmar military leaders, though Min Aung Hlaing is not among them.

"The main perpetrator, the people that we want the spotlight on, is the Tatmadaw," said mission member Radhika Coomaraswamy, a Sri Lankan former U.N. undersecretary-general, referring to Myanmar's military.

Christopher Sidoti, an Australian human rights expert,

acknowledged that no "smoking gun" linked the six military leaders directly to orders to carry out genocide, but pointed to inferences of their role based on a strict chain of command in Myanmar.

They called for the creation of a special body, or "mechanism," to keep watch on the still-evolving human rights situation in Myanmar. They said the United Nations' own role in the country since 2011 should be reviewed to see if the world body did all it could to prevent such a crisis.

They also faulted Aung San Suu Kyi for not using her role as head of Myanmar's government, nor her "moral authority" — she is a Nobel peace prize laureate — to stop the events in embattled Rakhine state.

Forum-Asia, an advocacy group, called the report "significant" and said the United Nations needed to heed its call.

"If the U.N. fails to adequately address these findings it will be a monumental failure for the world body, which has already been criticized for not doing enough," said R. Inyan Ilango, UN advocacy program manager for the group.

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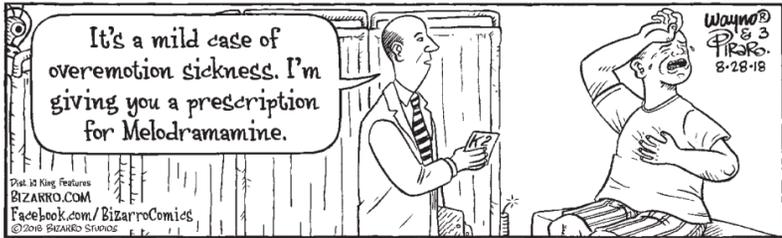
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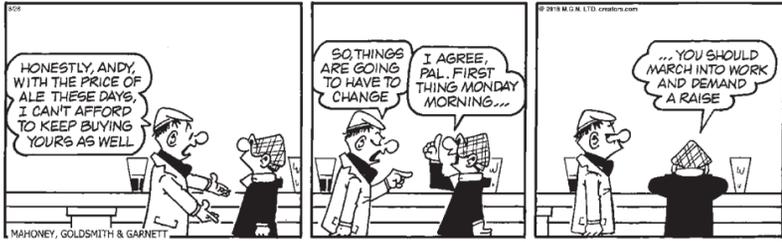
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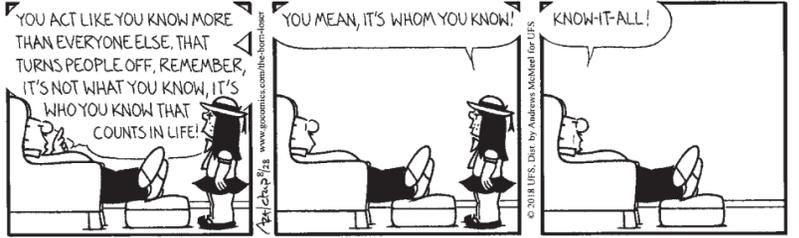
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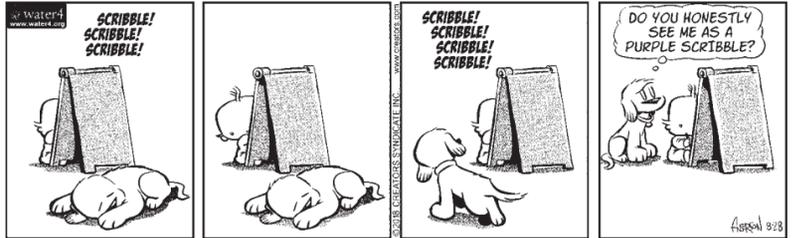
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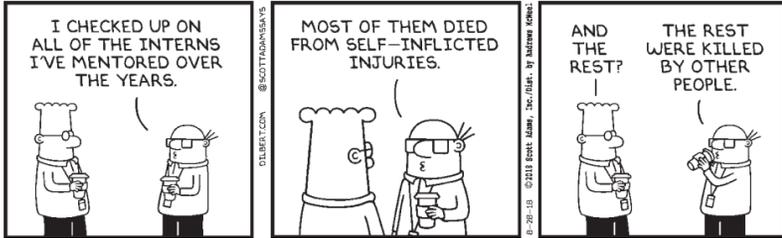
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Friend goes to bat with boss, wins co-worker a raise



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the pay is subpar, and my recent request for a raise was denied. I haven't received a raise in several years. I couldn't get a straight answer about the denial. I was told it wasn't my work performance. I have started looking elsewhere, and I have several interviews scheduled. All of them will give me a \$15,000-per-

year salary increase over what I currently make for doing what I do. I wasn't asking that much for a raise, not even close. But what makes this difficult is my co-workers. They are devastated at the thought of me leaving. One of them, someone I'm fairly close to, was so angry he went to our boss himself without my knowledge. I don't know what he said, but he got me a raise, albeit a very small one.

However, my heart is set on leaving. While I appreciate his going out on a limb for me, I now feel "obligated" to stay. Abby, I'm having a hard time with this. Can you help?

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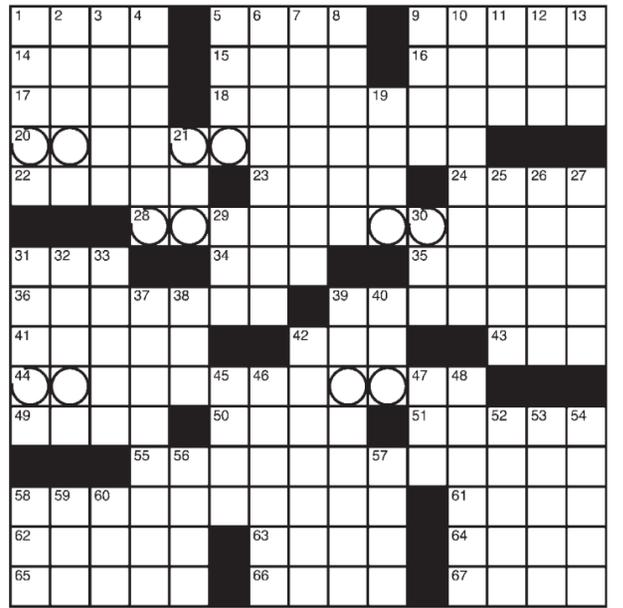
Tell him you appreciate what he did, but when your boss refused the raise you asked for — after several years of no increase at all — you realized you were no longer valued by the company. Explain that when you went job-hunting you were offered far more than you have been earning, and this will be a step up for you. It doesn't have to mean the end of your relationship with him or the others who care about you. It might stimulate him to go job-hunting, too.

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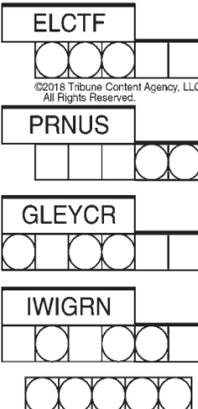
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DISTRICTS

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said districts have one month to submit consolidation plans to her.

The legislation says implementation of plans, if approved, will follow soon thereafter.

All 13 districts have less than 1,500 students and are required to consoli-

date administrative and professional services with their own neighboring districts, such as transportation, accounting, human resources, procurement, technology and academic offerings.

Brown said Monday some of the 13 districts already share services with adjoining districts in the same county or a bordering county and will simply have to formally write those down in

their plans that are due in late September.

For example, some small districts in the same regional consortium may already share a special education instructor.

Clarendon 1 Superintendent Barbara Champagne and Clarendon 3 Superintendent Connie Dennis were not able to be reached for comment Monday afternoon.

Clarendon 2 Superintendent John Tindal said Monday his district in Manning doesn't currently share any of those services with Clarendon 1 or Clarendon 3.

Tindal said he would be open to conversations with those districts about sharing some of those services but that there would need to be some sharing of expenditures, as well.

GARRETT

FROM PAGE A1

truly a selfless servant. I am certain after spending time with him that he loved his family, his fellow officers and, quite honestly, his Clarendon County community."



GARRETT

"Clarendon County and the world is a better place having had Randy Garrett," Dennis said in a statement released Monday afternoon.

"I am a better person and a better sheriff having partnered with him."

From almost the age he could talk, Garrett wanted to be a police officer.

A native of Holly Hill, Garrett started out as a dispatcher with Gaffney Police Department when he was just 20 years old. One year later, he became a full-time officer in Gaffney.

In the early 1970s, Garrett moved to Clarendon County where he became an officer with Summerton Police Department. It wasn't long before he joined Manning Police Department where he served for four years before joining the ranks of Clarendon County Sheriff's Office for 17 years. In 1998, Johnson hired Garrett as Manning's chief of police, a position he held for 11 years. In 2004, Garrett got his first taste of politics running against then-sheriff Keith Josey. He didn't win that year, but that didn't slow him down. Four years later, he tried it again, and this time he succeeded and served the residents of Clarendon County for two terms.

"It was a dream of mine for many years," Garrett said after winning the race for sheriff in 2008. "I was blessed to have many great role models, all whom I learned from." During those two terms, Garrett improved deputy response time and set a priority on drug enforcement and criminal investigations. He also designed specific patrol zones for deputies that not only improved response time, but also allowed them to get to know their zones as well as the residents living within those areas.

He was exceedingly proud of his deputies, always recognizing their accomplishments.

'The sheriff may be gone from this earth, but his legacy will never die. Love you Big Shug.'

BRANDON BRAXTON

Clarendon County Sheriff's Office K-9 criminal intervention officer under Randy Garrett

Brandon Braxton, a K-9 criminal intervention officer with Clarendon County Sheriff's Office under Garrett, called his former boss "a cop's cop."

"He looked out for you no matter what, and he loved Clarendon County and his deputies more than anyone I've ever come across," Braxton said Sunday in a Facebook post. "Sheriff Garrett put a lot of bad guys in jail as they attempted to traffic contraband through Clarendon on I-95, and I was his biggest fan ... He planted the same bug in me that he had for catching smug-

glers, and when we caught one and radioed it in, it wouldn't be 15 minutes before you'd hear him on the radio. 'Clarendon 100, I'll be out with my boys here at the 132.' That was the kind of boss he was. He wanted to be right up in the mix and would be grinning from ear to ear when he pulled up, 'I hear ya boy.'"

Following a large drug bust on the interstate, Braxton remembers Garrett's exact words: "I'm proud of you, Bubba."

"That meant more to me that he would ever know," Braxton added. "The sheriff may be gone from this earth, but his legacy will never die. Love you Big Shug. Thank you for everything and making me the man I am today."

Mark Keels, chief of SLED, said he and Garrett were dear friends who talked on a regular basis. Keels also said he knew Garrett's late wife, Barbara, as well as Garrett's daughter, Brittney. Garrett's late wife, who died three years ago, managed the South Carolina Highway Patrol's Florence telecommunications/dispatch office until she retired while his daughter currently works out of the SCHP's Charleston telecommunications/dispatch office.

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"Randy and I have been dear friends for a long time," Keels said Monday afternoon. "I knew his wife and his daughter when I worked with the Department of Public Safety. They are good people. I have always been there to help him. Over the years, we've talked a lot. We talked about Barbara and how much he missed her. I am going to miss him."

Garrett's family has asked that memorials be made to The Inv. Holmes N. Smith Jr. Foundation Inc. at www.sites.google.com/view/invhsmithfoundation. Smith was working for Garrett as an investigator with the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office when he died in the line of duty in November 2014.

"Sheriff was one of Holmes' best friends," Holmes' widow, Tonia Mallett Smith, said Sunday. "If Randy said it, it was law. They talked on the phone all the time."

"He made sure everything was taken care of," Smith added. "Much of what he had done, I didn't know that he had done it until the day of the homegoing services. He also

named the new tracker dog Holmes. Since Holmes' passing, he has stayed in touch. We texted every now and then, and he kept up with what my kids were doing. We will miss him deeply. He was an awesome man. He was definitely one of the best."

Smith sought both solace and strength when she referred to Matthew 5:9 to honor her late friend: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home, 304 N. Church St., in Manning and at other times at the home, 2193 Lake Shore Drive, Manning.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., with the Rev. Jessie Brock officiating. Pallbearers will be the South Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard with his brothers and sisters in law enforcement serving as honorary pallbearers.

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COMMENTARY

President Trump and the 'I word'

From the moment he was sworn in as president, progressive politicians and their PR associates in the mainstream media have been convinced that Donald J. Trump could not possibly have beaten their beloved Hillary Clinton unless he cheated, unless he conspired with the Kremlin to throw the election his way.



Bernie Goldberg

In their eyes, he has never been a legitimate president. But if the special prosecutor had evidence that Mr. Trump colluded with the Russians, we'd certainly know it by now. Nothing stays secret in Washington, not for long anyway. Leaks are the coin of the realm. They're how all sorts of people in government impress their allies in the media; it's how they show journalists how important they are.

Despite the fact that there's been no evidence that Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin got together to toss Hillary over the side, progressives are salivating. They have convinced themselves that they've found the smoking gun that will spell the end of the Trump presidency.

And what is that, you'd have every reason to ask? Michael Cohen, the president's former lawyer (and fixer) who once said he'd take a bullet for Donald Trump, now as a convicted felon says he paid off two women to keep their mouths shut about their alleged flings with Mr. Trump — a violation of campaign finance laws. And if Cohen is guilty, his lawyer (and close friend of Hillary Clinton) Lanny Davis says, so is the president, who the allegation goes, was in on the hush money deal.

Oh, the humanity. Before we go on, let's be clear that while violations of campaign finance laws are, well, violations — they're not exactly crimes against humanity; they're more like jaywalking or litterbug violations.

Granted a campaign violation involving hush money to a Playboy model and a porn star is more than a bit out of the ordinary when it comes to these things. But the president can credibly say he didn't order the hush money payments to help his campaign — he did it to cover up a couple of embarrassing affairs that he didn't want his family to know about.

Who knows? Maybe there's more. We don't know what we don't know. Maybe Paul Manafort and Mr. Cohen have the goods on their old friend, the president. Or maybe they don't. We'll see, to use a favorite line from the president.

In any case, this isn't simply about the law. It's also about politics. And so, if the Democrats take over the House, impeachment is more than a mere possibility. They'll get to decide what constitutes high crimes and misdemeanors. The progressives running for president along with their left wing base will demand impeachment proceedings. So will the media elites, who, as the *Wall Street Journal* puts it, "want vindication for believing that Mr. Trump could never have legitimately defeated their heroine." Never mind that he won't be convicted in the Senate. The goal is to humiliate the president they detest — and to weaken him in case he really decides to run for re-election in 2020.

(Memo to progressives: You may risk a backlash from moderates and independents if you vote to impeach. You may wind up doing the president a favor by pulling off the impossible: making Donald Trump look sympathetic. But we understand you may not be able to control your impulses — or your base. Tread carefully.)

Speaking of those media elites, the Media Research Center reports that on the day after Manafort and Cohen bit the dust, "CNN and MSNBC reporters, anchors, and paid contributors used the word [impeachment] an absurd 222 times in 18 hours."

Like sharks, they smell blood in the water. If being a narcissist and acting like a vindictive adolescent were impeachable offenses, Donald Trump would have been kicked out of the Oval Office a long time ago. But they're not. That's the good news for the president. The bad news is, the party that controls the House next year will decide what is an impeachable offense.

And if that party is the Democratic Party, as the polls seem to indicate, Donald Trump may look back on his first two years in office — when he was under constant siege from his many critics — as the good old days.

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Another child separated from her parents.

COMMENTARY

Democrats better off playing by the rules than denouncing the rules

When you lose a game, particularly a game you had good reason to expect you'd win, do you try to figure out how to play better? Or is your first reaction to demand changes in the rules?

In the case of the Democratic Party, it's the latter. Perhaps that comes naturally to a party that takes some pride in having advocated changes in rules that everyone today sees as unfair (even those they enacted themselves, like racial segregation laws). But sometimes it's wiser to change the way you play than to denounce long-established rules.

The Democrats argue that they've been winning more votes but don't control the federal government. They've won a plurality of the popular vote in six of the last seven presidential elections but elected presidents in only four of them. That darn Electoral College — "land," as one liberal commentator puts it — gave the presidency to George W. Bush in 2000 and Donald Trump in 2016.

Of course, the Al Gore and Hillary Clinton campaigns knew that the winner is determined by electoral votes, not popular votes. But that hasn't stopped many Democrats from calling for a change in the rules to election by popular vote.

Or from complaining about the composition of the Senate. A majority of senators, writes ace election analyst David Wasserman, represent only 18 percent of the nation's population. That's because under the Constitution, each state elects two senators, and a majority of Americans today live in just nine states.

It's suggested that the framers didn't expect population to be so heavily concentrated in a few states. Actually, it was similarly concentrated in big states 50, 100, 150 and 200 years ago. And when the framers met in 1787, small states demanded equal Senate representation for fear that big states would dominate.

Moreover, small states today aren't uniformly Republican. Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware and Hawaii currently send two Democrats to the Senate, and Maine, North Dakota and Montana each send one. The 12 smallest states are represented by 13 Democratic senators and 11 Republicans.

Moreover, Article V of the Constitution provides that "No State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of equal Suffrage in the Senate." Changing that would require a new constitutional convention. That's not going to happen.

Democrats are also complaining loudly that, as *The Economist* puts it, "In the past three elections, Republicans' share of House seats has been 4-5 percentage points greater than their share of the two-party vote."

This is not earth-shaking stuff. Winning parties typically get a higher share of seats than votes in every system, and three elections and three elections isn't a whole lot. Republicans enjoyed an advantage in redistricting after the last two Census cycles, but Democrats did in the 1970s and 1980s.

That advantage turned out to be reversible, and the Republicans' looks to be as well. Democrats are favored to gain governorships and state legislature majorities, and some states are setting up supposedly nonpartisan (in practice, always liberal-leaning) redistricting commissions.

Other reforms are being considered. Maine is tinkering with ranked-choice voting, which supposedly encourages the emergence

of a moderate candidate. Of course, a proliferation of parties hasn't always produced functional government, even in nations as full of creative and talented people as Italy and Israel, and many reforms have unintended effects.

It's true that the Electoral College works against a party whose voters are geographically and demographically clustered. For the framers, that was a feature, not a bug. They feared domination by a concentrated bloc of voters with no broad support across the country.

A party that wants to win more elections might take note of that, rather than plead for impossible constitutional changes and fiddle with fixes that might produce unanticipated negative consequences.

Once upon a time, Bill Clinton showed Democrats how. He won the presidency, from which his party had been shut out for 16 of 20 years, by adapting its platform to appeal to additional voters. In 1996, he won 174 electoral votes in states his wife lost 20 years later.

Clinton carried California twice by the solid margin of 13 points. In 2016, Hillary Clinton carried it by 30 but by taking stands that antagonized "deplorables" in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Currently, Democrats — furiously intent on impeaching Donald Trump, enchanted with youthful socialists, in thrall to identity politics — are spurning Bill Clinton's course and doubling down on Hillary's. Maybe they'd do better by learning to play by the rules rather than railing against them.

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LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

BANKS — All area banks and credit unions will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3.

GOVERNMENT — The following will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3: federal government offices; state government offices; U.S. Postal Service; City of Sumter offices; Sumter County offices; Clarendon County offices; City of Manning offices; Lee County offices; and City of Bishopville offices.

SCHOOLS — The following will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3: Sumter School District; Clarendon School Districts 1, 2 and 3; Lee County Public Schools; Robert E. Lee Academy; Thomas Sumter Academy; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; Laurence Manning Academy; Clarendon Hall; Sumter Christian School; and Central Carolina Technical College.

USC Sumter will not hold classes on Monday, Sept. 3.

UTILITIES — Black River Electric Coop. and Farmers Telephone Coop. will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3.

OTHER — The following will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3: Clemson Extension Service; Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce; and the Harvin Clarendon County Library. The Sumter County Library will be closed Saturday-Monday, Sept. 1-3.

The Sumter Item will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3.

AROUND TOWN

McLeod Hospice will offer a "Hospice Volunteering 101" class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, in the Volunteer Services Office of McLeod Health Clarendon, 10 Hospital St., Manning. This volunteer training program is for those interested in helping hospice patients and / or assisting hospice support staff in Clarendon and Sumter counties. **Attendees must register in advance** to participate in the training. Call (803) 435-5287.

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O, and will hold an open blood drive from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, at Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St. Schedule your appointment by using the Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will hold an all white casual attire dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Aug. 31, at 26 Council St. D.J. Al will provide music. Tickets are \$15 each. Call (803) 775-0444 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday for details or tickets.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will hold its first Hall of Fame celebration at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Historical Lincoln Center, 22 Council St. The 2018 inductees are: Dr. Leroy Bowman — 1940;

Rep. James Clyburn — 1953-1956; Maggie Ellison — 1956; John H. Kilgo — 1947-1966; Freddie Solomon — 1972; Dr. Junior Earl Vaughn — 1950; and Dr. Agnes Hildebrand-Wilson — 1951-1973. Tickets are \$35 each and are on sale at the Council Street office 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. It's time to reserve your tables for the Dec. 11 gala. Contact Debra Canty at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee: \$50 per golfer limited to the first 40 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees and refreshments during play. Team format will be two-person Captain's Choice. There will be first- and second-place prizes for men's and women's teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. Raffle tickets for a La-Z-Boy recliner will be \$2 each or three for \$5. Call Rich Grimsley at (803) 469-6227, Earnest Roland at (803) 840-0935 or Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488 or email at vnam6970@yahoo.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny	Mainly clear and humid	Clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny	A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	A t-storm around in the p.m.
91°	73°	92° / 71°	92° / 72°	91° / 72°	91° / 71°
Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%
SSE 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph	S 4-8 mph	ENE 3-6 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS
Today: Partly sunny and humid. Winds south 4-8 mph. Partly cloudy.
Wednesday: A thunderstorm around. Winds SW becoming S-SW 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST
Today: Some sun; a stray thunderstorm. High 85 to 89.
Wednesday: Partly sunny; a brief shower or two in southern parts. High 86 to 90.

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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
91°	91°	70°	88°	67°	103° in 1954	57° in 1966

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.00"	4.85"	4.50"	26.76"	27.53"	32.84"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.26	-0.02
Marion	76.8	75.46	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.29	none
Wateree	100	96.94	-0.04

SUN AND MOON

	Sunrise	6:53 a.m.	Sunset	7:53 p.m.
Moonrise	9:23 p.m.		Moonset	8:41 a.m.

	Last	New	First	Full
	Sep. 2	Sep. 9	Sep. 16	Sep. 24

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.43	-0.63
Congaree River	19	3.64	+0.72
Lynches River	14	1.62	-0.04
Saluda River	14	2.27	-0.20
Up. Santee River	80	76.74	-0.41
Wateree River	24	10.96	-0.22

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:55 a.m.	3.0	5:35 a.m.	0.3
	11:20 p.m.	3.2	5:43 p.m.	0.4
Wed.	11:31 a.m.	3.1	6:11 a.m.	0.3
	11:54 p.m.	3.1	6:23 p.m.	0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	90/73/pc	87/72/t
Chicago	91/68/c	74/58/sh
Dallas	97/79/s	97/78/s
Detroit	92/73/s	83/60/t
Houston	91/78/pc	90/77/pc
Los Angeles	81/65/pc	82/64/pc
New Orleans	88/78/t	88/77/pc
New York	94/78/pc	94/78/s
Orlando	89/74/t	90/74/pc
Philadelphia	95/77/s	95/78/s
Phoenix	104/79/s	105/82/s
San Francisco	71/59/pc	72/60/pc
Wash., DC	95/79/s	95/78/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Asheville	86/65/pc	84/65/t	Florence	94/71/pc	94/73/pc
Athens	91/69/pc	88/70/t	Gainesville	91/74/t	91/74/pc
Augusta	92/71/pc	93/72/pc	Gastonia	91/71/pc	90/71/t
Beaufort	89/76/pc	90/74/pc	Goldsboro	92/71/pc	92/72/pc
Cape Hatteras	87/75/pc	87/77/pc	Goose Creek	88/74/pc	90/74/pc
Charleston	88/75/pc	90/75/pc	Greensboro	91/72/pc	90/72/s
Charlotte	93/71/pc	91/70/pc	Greenville	91/71/pc	89/71/pc
Clemson	91/72/pc	88/72/pc	Hickory	89/69/pc	88/70/pc
Columbia	94/72/pc	94/72/pc	Hilton Head	86/76/pc	88/75/pc
Darlington	92/71/pc	92/72/pc	Jacksonville, FL	88/74/pc	88/72/sh
Elizabeth City	93/74/pc	93/73/s	La Grange	90/73/t	89/71/t
Elizabethtown	91/72/pc	91/73/t	Macon	93/69/pc	90/68/t
Fayetteville	93/71/pc	92/72/pc	Marietta	89/71/pc	88/71/t
			Marion	88/66/pc	86/67/t
			Mt. Pleasant	87/75/sh	89/75/pc
			Myrtle Beach	87/75/pc	87/75/pc
			Orangeburg	90/72/pc	90/72/pc
			Port Royal	87/76/pc	88/75/pc
			Raleigh	93/71/pc	92/70/pc
			Rock Hill	91/71/pc	90/71/t
			Rockingham	92/72/pc	91/72/pc
			Savannah	89/74/t	90/73/t
			Spartanburg	90/71/pc	88/71/t
			Summerville	87/73/pc	89/72/t
			Wilmington	89/73/pc	90/73/t
			Winston-Salem	90/72/pc	90/72/s

PUBLIC AGENDA

MCLEOD HEALTH CLARENDON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Today, 6 p.m., hospital board room, 10 E. Hospital St., Manning

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
 Today, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a moment to assess a

situation. Knowing all the particulars and searching for a positive response will help you make the right choice. Relationships take patience, work and dedication. An act of affection will enhance your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive for perfection in all that you do. Learn from experience. Take hold of an idea or plan and follow through. Change will make a difference in the way you move forward and how you live life. Embrace new beginnings with enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Only share what's relevant. Giving someone information about your personal life or finances isn't necessary and may jeopardize your chance to get what you want. Friendly gestures and chitchat will hold someone's interest and can lead to an interesting opportunity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expand your interests. Hone your skills and turn a project into something exciting and meaningful. How you approach work, hobbies or your personal responsibilities will make a difference. Show a little creativity and do things that emphasize your talent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can think big and make plans, but when it comes right down to the nitty-gritty, you should take baby steps and budget seriously. You can get a lot accomplished without going into debt if you do the work yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take part in functions that promote business opportunities. An unusual partnership will develop if you engage in conversations with people from different backgrounds.

An interesting point of view will lead to new ideas and beginnings. Don't mix business with pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Personal problems should be handled discreetly. Refuse to let someone from your past disrupt your life. Stick to a tight budget, regardless of what others do. The only changes you should make are those that will add to your stability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your insight and ability to turn an idea into a masterpiece will make some people jealous and others proud of you. Don't worry about negative comments. Do your own thing; unexpected benefits will come your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your head down and do your best to finish what you start. Don't let anyone use emotional tactics to guilt you into taking on a responsibility that doesn't belong to you. Use diplomacy when warding off users.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Handle personal matters carefully. Someone will pry into your affairs. A change you make at home should be made for the right reason. Do your best to add stability to your life, not disrupt what you've worked so hard to build.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Careful what you spend your money on. Someone will take advantage of you if you are gullible. Don't purchase products or services that profess to do the impossible. Do ample research before you make a move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Trust in yourself, your ability to get things done and your intuition. Walk away from anyone trying to belittle you or make you feel as if you don't know what you are doing. Make your own opportunities.

PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Christine Gonzales shares a photo she took while visiting Arches National Park in Utah.

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KEEPING UP

Sumter native Ward playing pro golf circuit

Dalton Ward has been competing regularly on the men's professional golf circuit.

The Sumter native recently tied for 45th in the Players Cup on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada. He shot 280 (68-67-71-74) to collect \$706.

The event was the fourth one in which he has competed on the tour since March, when the tour's schedule started. He did not make the cut the five previous tournaments during July and August.

Ward's best finish was a tie for 17th in the GolfBC Championship during June. He shot 274 (70-66-67-71) to earn \$2,617.14, his season high on the tour. He tied for 41st in the Lethbridge Paradise Canyon Open the next week, earning \$805.

MORE MEN'S GOLF

Former Gamecock Cody Clepper won the Red Fox Open in Michigan early this month.

Clepper shot 139 (67-72). Wilson Hall High graduate Walker Jones is a freshman for Wofford College.

Thomas Sumter Academy alumnus Tyler Gray is a freshman for Coastal Carolina University.

FOOTBALL

Mariel Cooper is a defensive back for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League. The 25-year-old, who played for Sumter, had four tackles and a 3-yard sack during an Aug. 10 loss to Winnipeg.

Manning High graduate Cam Darley is a defensive lineman for Robert Morris University. The graduate student previously played for University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Aarron Boatright is a red-shirt junior defensive lineman for University of Idaho. The past Monarch played for East Mississippi Community College last year.

Greyson Sonntag is a freshman offensive lineman for Davidson College. He is out of Wilson Hall.

Crestwood High graduate David Ervin is a junior linebacker for Savannah State University.

Another from Crestwood, Jalen Owens is a freshman linebacker for Presbyterian College.

Nyckolas Johnson is a freshman offensive lineman for Presbyterian. He competed for the Knights.

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



Barbara Boxleitner

CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Bryant to open as starting QB for No. 2 Tigers

CLEMSON (AP) — Veteran Kelly Bryant is Clemson's starting quarterback, holding off promising freshman Trevor Lawrence.

The second-ranked Tigers open the season Saturday at home against Furman. The team released its first depth chart Monday with Bryant on top in the closely watched competition.

"Those guys went and battled. Kelly knew what was at stake and responded the right way and earned the position that he's in right now," Clemson co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney and quarterbacks coach Brandon Streeter let Bryant know he'd won his position again late last week. "That was good to hear,"



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) will open the season as the starter on Saturday against Furman.

Bryant said.

No matter who starts, Swinney has said Lawrence

will play this weekend.

"I'm just excited to get out on the field and see those

guys perform," Elliott said.

Bryant started last season and led Clemson to a 12-2 record and a third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship and College Football Playoff appearance.

But a 24-6 loss to eventual national champion Alabama in the semifinals where Clemson's offense was ineffective led some Tiger fans to look to the 6-foot-6 Lawrence to take over.

Lawrence was the country's second-best college prospect, according to ESPN. Lawrence also put on the best show back in April at the team's spring game, completing 11 of 16 passes for 122 yards that included a picture-perfect, 50-yard

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LOCAL GOLF

Golfing for God



DANNY KELLY / THE SUMTER ITEM

Golfers playing in the afternoon flight of the 19th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament wait for instructions prior to beginning play on Saturday at Sunset Country Club

Churches Challenge brings Christian fellowship, donations to local charities

BY DANNY KELLY
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The Sumter chapter of the Christian Golfers' Association brought God and golf together for its 19th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament on Saturday at Sunset Country Club.

And whether veterans or newcomers, the participants have a good time in golf and Christian fellowship.

It's my first year; I'm excited and looking forward to playing with this group of guys," participant Mike Bocchiccia said prior to teeing off with the afternoon flight. "I went to the dinner last night; these are good people and

it's a good cause."

Bocchiccia was referring to the Praise Rally and dinner held on Friday at Alice Drive Baptist Church. All the food – enough for 200 people – was provided by Shoney's at no charge.

"We have 156 participants and 39 teams," said Gene DuCom, treasurer of the Sumter CGA chapter. "We have participation from different churches and different denominations. We have such good participation, we have to turn teams away."

DuCom is proud of what the tournament does for the community.

"We return so much money to the community and only keep the money

we need for the operation of the local chapter," he said, "There's no salary involved."

Getting ready for a tournament of this size is no easy task.

We start in April," DuCom said. "It takes us about four months to get the whole thing going. We have to coordinate where we're holding it and get together the different sponsors. We have 40 different sponsors who provide money."

The title sponsor of the tournament is Shaw Air Force Employees (SAFE) Federal Credit Union.

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U.S. OPEN TENNIS

Halep 1st No. 1 seed to lose 1st U.S. Open match



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kaia Kanepi returns a shot to Simona Halep during the first round of the U.S. Open on Monday in New York. Kanepi upset the No. 1 seed Halep.

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Some players, like top-ranked Simona Halep, freely acknowledge they don't deal well with the hustle-and-bustle of the U.S. Open and all it entails.

Others, like 44th-ranked Kaia Kanepi, take to the Big Apple and its Grand Slam tournament.

Put those two types at opposite ends of a court at Flushing Meadows and watch what can happen: Halep made a quick-as-can-be exit Monday, overwhelmed by the power-based game of Kanepi 6-2, 6-4 to become the first No. 1-seeded woman to lose her opening

match at the U.S. Open in the half-century of the professional era.

Halep blamed opening-round jitters, and that has been a recurring theme throughout her career. The reigning French Open champion has now lost her first match at 12 of 34 career major appearances, a stunningly high rate for such an accomplished player.

"It's always about the nerves," said Halep, who was beaten in the first round in New York by five-time major champion Maria Sharapova in 2017. "Even when you are there in the top, you feel the same nerves. You are human."

She also offered up an explanation tied to this site.

"Maybe the noise in the crowd. The city is busy. So everything together," said Halep, who was coming off consecutive runs to the final at hard-court tuneup tournaments at Cincinnati and Montreal. "I'm a quiet person, so maybe I like the smaller places."

It was the first match at the rebuilt Louis Armstrong Stadium, which now has about 14,000 seats and a retractable roof, and what a way to get things started. That cover was not needed to protect from rain on Day 1 at the year's last major tournament — although some protection from the bright sun and its 90-degree

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
Noon — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's First-Round Matches from New York (ESPN).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Playoff Second Leg Match — Dynamo Kyiv vs. AFC Ajax (TNT).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXV-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's First-Round Matches from New York (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Philadelphia or Milwaukee at Cincinnati (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 2 — Washington at Atlanta (ESPN2).
10:30 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 2 — Phoenix at Seattle (ESPN2).

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	57	.562	—
Philadelphia	70	60	.538	3
Washington	65	66	.496	8½
New York	58	72	.446	15
Miami	53	79	.402	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	76	53	.589	—
St. Louis	73	58	.557	4
Milwaukee	73	59	.553	4½
Pittsburgh	64	67	.489	13
Cincinnati	56	75	.427	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	72	58	.554	—
Colorado	71	59	.546	1
Los Angeles	70	61	.534	2½
San Francisco	65	67	.492	8
San Diego	50	83	.376	23½

TODAY

Philadelphia 8, Toronto 3
 Atlanta 4, Miami 0
 Washington 15, N.Y. Mets 0
 Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 4
 Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 0
 St. Louis 12, Colorado 3
 San Francisco 3, Texas 1
 Arizona 5, Seattle 2
 L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 3

TODAY

Washington (Scherzer 16-6) at Philadelphia (Nola 15-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Miami (Urena 4-12) at Boston (Johnson 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Guerra 6-8) at Cincinnati (Romano 7-10), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Atlanta (Teheran 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 6-4) at Texas (Colon 7-11), 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-8) at Chicago Cubs (Hamels 9-9), 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Nova 7-8) at St. Louis (Flaherty 7-6), 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado (Freeland 11-7) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 10:07 p.m.
 Seattle (Hernandez 8-11) at San Diego (Nix 1-2), 10:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Buchholz 7-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 5-5), 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 3:40 p.m.
 Miami at Boston, 6:35 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	42	.682	—
New York	83	47	.638	6
Tampa Bay	70	61	.534	19½
Toronto	60	70	.462	29
Baltimore	37	94	.282	52½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	74	56	.569	—
Minnesota	61	69	.469	13
Detroit	53	78	.405	21½
Chicago	51	79	.392	23
Kansas City	40	91	.305	34½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	80	50	.615	—
Oakland	79	52	.603	1½
Seattle	74	57	.565	6½
Los Angeles	63	68	.481	17½
Texas	58	74	.439	23

SUNDAY

Philadelphia 8, Toronto 3
 Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 2
 Tampa Bay 9, Boston 1
 Oakland 6, Minnesota 2
 Cleveland 12, Kansas City 5
 San Francisco 3, Texas 1
 Houston 3, L.A. Angels 1
 Arizona 5, Seattle 2
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 3

MONDAY

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

TODAY

Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-15) at N.Y. Yankees (Lynn 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Stroman 4-8) at Baltimore (Hess 2-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Miami (Urena 4-12) at Boston (Johnson 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Gibson 7-10) at Cleveland (Carrasco 15-7), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Atlanta (Teheran 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 6-4) at Texas (Colon 7-11), 8:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Anderson 3-3) at Houston (TBD), 8:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Liriano 3-9) at Kansas City (Junis 6-12), 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado (Freeland 11-7) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 10:07 p.m.
 Seattle (Hernandez 8-11) at San Diego (Nix 1-2), 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Oakland at Houston, 2:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 3:40 p.m.
 Miami at Boston, 6:35 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	1	0	.667	77	62
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	55	71
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	46	37
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	54	80

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	53	44
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	51	40
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	61	54
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	37	77

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	53	44
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	51	40
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	61	54
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	37	77

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	97	52
Cincinnati	3	0	0	1.000	77	53
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	81	71
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	42	29

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	44	35
Denver	1	2	0	.333	80	83
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333	48	74
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	58	58

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	62	53
Washington	1	2	0	.333	49	68
Dallas	0	3	0	.000	37	72
Philadelphia	0	3	0	.000	34	73

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	0	0	1.000	80	57
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	75	47
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	86	71
Atlanta	0	3	0	.000	20	62

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	73	62
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	88	64
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	94	90
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	60	76

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	0	0	1.000	71	35
L.A. Rams	2	1	0	.667	47	68
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	54	60
Seattle	0	3	0	.000	51	64

THURSDAY

Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 0

FRIDAY

Carolina 25, New England 14
 Denver 29, Washington 17
 N.Y. Giants 22, N.Y. Jets 16
 Minnesota 21, Seattle 20
 Detroit 33, Tampa Bay 30
 Oakland 13, Green Bay 6

SATURDAY

Chicago 27, Kansas City 20
 Pittsburgh 16, Tennessee 6
 L.A. Rams 21, Houston 20
 Indianapolis 23, San Francisco 17
 Jacksonville 17, Atlanta 6
 Baltimore 27, Miami 10
 New Orleans 36, L.A. Chargers 7

SUNDAY

Cincinnati 26, Buffalo 13
 Arizona 27, Dallas 3

THURSDAY, AUG. 30
 New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
 Green Bay at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
 Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Tuesday, Aug. 21
 Phoenix 101, Dallas 83
 Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 68

SECOND ROUND

Thursday, Aug. 23
 Washington 96, Los Angeles 64
 Phoenix 96, Connecticut 86

SEMIFINALS

(x-if necessary)
 (Best-of-5)
 Seattle 1, Phoenix 0
 Sunday, Aug. 26: Seattle 91, Phoenix 87
 Tuesday, Aug. 28: Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 31: Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 x-Sunday, Sept. 2: Seattle at Phoenix, TBA
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 4: Phoenix at Seattle, TBA
 Washington 1, Atlanta 0
 Sunday, Aug. 26: Washington 87, Atlanta 84
 Tuesday, Aug. 28: Washington at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 31: Atlanta at Washington, 8 p.m.
 x-Sunday, Sept. 2: Atlanta at Washington, TBA
 x-Tuesday, Sept. 4: Washington at Atlanta, TBA

FINALS

(Best-of-5)
 Thursday, Sept. 6: TBD, TBA
 Sunday, Sept. 9: TBD, 3:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. 12: TBD, TBA
 x-Friday, Sept. 14: TBD, TBA
 x-Sunday, Sept. 16: TBD, 8 p.m.

NORTHERN TRUST PAR SCORES

Sunday
At Ridgewood Country Club
Paramus, N.J.
Purse: \$9 million
Yardage: 7,385; Par: 71
Final
 Bryson DeChambeau (2,000), \$1,620,000
 68-66-63-69—266 -18
 Tony Finau (1,200), \$972,000
 69-67-66-68—270 -14
 Billy Horschel (650), \$522,000
 69-69-65-68—271 -13
 Cameron Smith (650), \$522,000
 69-68-65-69—271 -13
 Ryan Palmer (400), \$328,500
 68-67-72-65—272 -12
 Adam Scott (400), \$328,500
 69-64-70-69—272 -12
 Aaron Wise (400), \$328,500
 70-68-67-67—272 -12
 Patrick Cantlay (320), \$261,000
 69-67-68-69—273 -11
 Brooks Koepka (320), \$261,000
 67-65-72-69—273 -11
 Justin Thomas (320), \$261,000
 69-67-69-68—273 -11
 Bronson Burgoon (252), \$198,000
 68-73-67-66—274 -10
 Adam Hadwin (252), \$198,000
 71-65-68-70—274 -10
 Dustin Johnson (252), \$198,000
 67-67-72-68—274 -10
 Nick Watney (252), \$198,000
 69-68-68-69—274 -10
 Daniel Berger (204), \$144,000
 69-70-68-68—275 -9
 Hideki Matsuyama (204), \$144,000
 67-73-67-68—275 -9
 Phil Mickelson (204), \$144,000
 68-68-68-71—275 -9
 Kevin Na (204), \$144,000
 67-75-66-67—275 -9
 Jhonattan Vegas (204), \$144,000
 68-72-68—275 -9
 Jason Day (164), \$101,160
 71-66-68-71—276 -8
 Tommy Fleetwood (164), \$101,160
 67-68-73-68—276 -8
 Tyrrell Hatton (164), \$101,160
 69-70-73-64—276 -8
 Charley Hoffman (164), \$101,160
 69-70-67-70—276 -8

SPORTS ITEMS

Middle school volleyball jamboree today at Bates

The Sumter Middle School Volleyball Jamboree will be held today at the Bates Middle School gymnasium beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be four scrimmages with the game being played to 20 points or the 25-minute time limit. Furman will meet Ebenezer at 5, followed by Hillcrest and Bates at 5:30, Chestnut Oaks and R.E. Davis at 6, and Alice Drive and Bates at 6:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL JAMBOREE WEDNESDAY

The Sumter Middle Schools Football Jamboree will be held on Wednesday at Furman Middle School's Craig Field beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be four 1-half scrimmages. The first scrimmage will have Chestnut Oaks taking on Alice Drive followed by Manning against Bates, Hillcrest against Ebenezer and R.E. Davis versus Furman.

TOUCHDOWN CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS, SPONSORS

The Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC is looking for new members and sponsors for the start of its 29th season, which is set for Friday.

Membership is open to the public. The fee is \$100 per year and includes a full buffet breakfast from Shoney's each week along with the ability to participate in all that the TD club offers. Sponsorships are \$200 per year.

The club will hold its 12 meetings at Swan Lake Visitors Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. The visitors center is located inside the gates of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on West Liberty Street.

There will be a guest speaker each week and four players will be honored by the club each week as well.

For those interested in becoming a member or a sponsor, go to www.sumtertdclub.com and click on the membership form or sponsorship form.

For more information, go to the website or call Lee Glaze at (803) 968-0773.

HONOLULU WINS LLWS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — It only took one pitch for Mana Lau Kong to deliver Hawaii its first Little League World Series title in a decade.

Kong homered to center field on the first pitch his team saw Sunday, and Ka'olu Holt pitched a complete game to lead Hawaii to a 3-0 victory over South Korea in the Little League World Series championship.

It's the first Little League World Series title for Hawaii since 2008. Hawaii is now one of seven U.S. states with at least three LLWS championships.

Hawaii got two runs in the third inning by capitalizing on a rare miscue from South Korea.

A wild pitch from starter Kim Yeong-hyeon scored Zachary Won, and Taylin Oana ran in all the way from second after

CHURCHES

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“(Christian Golfers’ Association president) Tom (Winstead) approached us to sponsor it,” said SAFE marketing specialist Britney Singleton.

“Tom worked for SAFE in the (19)70s over marketing,” SAFE support specialist Misty Ardis said.

Winstead is not only the president of the CGA, he is the founder of the organization. He started it in 1996 and the organization now has chapters across the country and around the world.

“SAFE is always looking to help the community that we serve,” Singleton said.

“This is a way to give back to our members. I’ve seen a lot of our members here.”

SAFE employees also participated in the tournament.

“Ken Privette, a board member for SAFE, is participating today,” Ardis said.

Farmers Telephone Cooperative is also a big sponsor of the event.

Many people participate in this tournament every



Golfers head off in their carts to play the Sunset Country Club course in the 19th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament on Saturday.

DANNY KELLY / THE SUMTER ITEM

year because it’s only \$45 for 18 holes and a meal for them and their families on Friday night and a Saturday lunch.

“We return the first-, second- and third-place money to the church,” DuCom said.

“The only cash awards are to the churches themselves. The only time money goes to the individual is for a hole-in-one (on a specific hole); then \$1,000 would go to the individual and \$50,000 would go to the church.”

The CGA donates the overwhelming majority of the money raised from the event to local charities.

“At the end of the year, we donate to the Fireside Fund and United Ministries,” DuCom said.

KELLY FROM PAGE B1

touchdown throw to Tee Higgins.

Lawrence came to campus having eclipsed the Georgia high school records for total passing yards and passing TDs — formerly held by Clemson national championship passer Deshaun Watson.

Still, Swinney had indicated that Bryant was separating himself from Lawrence and freshman Chase Brice as fall camp pushed on.

Bryant said he stayed calm and focused through the offseason, confident he could maintain his spot.

“I feel like when I come out here and step on the field, I am the starter,” Bryant said. “I try and be the leader for all the guys.”

Bryant showed a different style last

season from Watson’s throw-it-down-the-field approach the previous two years.

Bryant was selective in his passes and finished third on the Tigers with 665 rushing yards. He was second with 11 rushing touchdowns.

He completed 262 of 398 passes for 2,802 yards, with 13 touchdowns and eight interceptions in 2017.

However, Clemson’s passing yards of 3,297 was its fewest in a season since throwing for 2,543 yards in 2010.

Receiver Amari Rodgers, a sophomore starter, was fourth on the team with 19 catches last season. Rodgers was confident the coaches had made the right choice in Bryant.

“Kelly, he’s a leader of the team, so I wasn’t surprised because he’s been the role before,” Rodgers said. “I’m happy for him and I’m happy for this

whole team.”

Bryant emerged from a competition a year ago where he out-played then highly regarded, strong-armed freshman Hunter Johnson to take over Watson’s spot.

Johnson has since transferred to Northwestern.

Bryant led the Tigers to three top-15 victories over Auburn, Louisville and Virginia Tech his first five games. Clemson’s only regular-season loss came at Syracuse, when Bryant was knocked out with a concussion before halftime.

Bryant helped the Tigers rout Miami 38-3 in the ACC Championship game.

Clemson defensive end Clelin Ferrell thought Bryant took his game up a notch in the face of Lawrence’s push.

“Kelly played his best ball I’ve seen this whole entire summer,” Ferrell said.

U.S. OPEN

FROM PAGE B1

heat might have been in order.

“The courts suit my game, and I love being in New York. I like the city,” said Kanepi, who is from Estonia and is sharing a coach this week with another player, Andrea Petkovic. “I like the weather: humid and hot.”

Since professionals were admitted to Grand Slam tournaments in 1968, only five times before Monday did women seeded No. 1 lose their opening match at a major — and never at the U.S. Open. It happened twice to Martina Hingis and once to Steffi Graf at Wimbledon, once to Angelique Kerber at the French Open and once to Virginia Ruzici at the Australian Open.

Halep got off to a slow start at Roland Garros this year, too, dropping her opening set, also by a 6-2 score, but ended up pulling out the victory there and adding six more to lift the trophy.

There would be no such turnaround for her against Kanepi, a big hitter who dictated the points to claim her second career win against a top-ranked player



Simona Halep returns a shot to Kaia Kanepi during the first round of the U.S. Open on Monday. Halep was overwhelmed by Kanepi 6-2, 6-4, becoming the first No. 1 seed in U.S. Open history to lose their first round match.

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— but first top-20 victory since 2015. Kanepi has shown the occasional ability to grab significant results, including a run to the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows a year ago.

On this day, Kanepi took charge of baseline exchanges, compiling a 26-9 edge in winners, 14 on her favored forehand side alone. Wearing two strips of athletic tape on her left shoulder, the right-handed Kanepi also had far more unforced errors, 28-9, but that high-risk, high-reward style ultimately paid off.

“I thought, ‘I just have to be aggressive and try to stay calm,’” Kanepi said.

Early in the second set, on the way to falling be-

hind by two breaks at 3-0, Halep slammed her racket twice, drawing a warning for a code violation from the chair umpire.

Eventually, Halep got going a bit, taking advantage of Kanepi’s mistakes to break back twice and get to 4-all in that set, getting a lot of support from fans who repeatedly chanted her first name.

“I was thinking about that: Why (did) they cheer so much for her? Because normally, they cheer for the underdog,” Kanepi said with a smile. “It was a bit annoying for some time, but I got over it.”

Sure did. She ended a 14-stroke exchange with a cross-court forehand volley

winner to break right back for a 5-4 lead, then served out the victory.

In other early results, three men’s seeds were bounced, too: No. 8 Grigor Dimitrov lost to three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka in the first round for a second consecutive major. No. 16 Kyle Edmund was beaten by Paolo Lorenzi, and No. 19 Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain was swept by Jason Kubler. Winners included a pair of Americans, No. 18 Jack Sock, who had lost eight consecutive matches including one in qualifying, and No. 11 John Isner.

Halep — who could have faced Serena or Venus Williams in the fourth round — was joined on the way out of the women’s draw by No. 31 Magdalena Rybakikova, while No. 7 Elina Svitolina and two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza advanced.

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Varsity Cross Country
East Clarendon at Lake City, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Tennis
Sumter at Manning, 5 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.
Pee Dee at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Girls Tennis
Hammond at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Carolina at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Girls Volleyball
Sumter, Ridge View at White Knoll, 5 p.m.
Lakewood at Wilson, 5:30 p.m.
Lee Central at Chesterfield, 5 p.m.
East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico, 5:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4:15 p.m.
Laurence Manning at The King’s Academy, 4:30 p.m.
North Central at Robert E. Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Orangeburg Prep, 5 p.m.
Emmanuel Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.
Middle School Volleyball
Sumter Middle Schools Jamboree (at Bates Middle), 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Middle School Football
Sumter Middle Schools Jamboree (at Furman Middle), 5 p.m.
Varsity and JV Girls Tennis
Carolina at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Lee Central at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Wilson Hall at Williamsburg, 4 p.m.
Trinity-Byrnes at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Varsity Cross Country
East Clarendon, Lake Marion, Williamsburg at Manning, 5 p.m.
Junior Varsity Football
Conway at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Sumter at Richland Northeast, 6 p.m.
Manning at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Florence Christian, 6 p.m.
B Team Football
Lexington at Sumter, 6 p.m.
Middle School Football
Dillon Christian at Robert E. Lee, 6 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 6 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Tennis
Sumter at Lower Richland, 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Tennis
Heathwood Hall at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Wilson at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Crestwood, Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
East Clarendon at Carvers Bay, 5:30 p.m.
Carolina at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Ben Lippen, 4 p.m.
Varsity, JV and B Team Volleyball
Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Varsity Football
Sumter at Conway, 7:30 p.m.
Richland Northeast at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood at Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Timmonsville at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
Bamberg-Ehrhardt at Scott’s Branch, 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Florence Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Dillon Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity-Byrnes at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Holly Hill at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Wilson Hall in Porter-Gaud Invitational, TBA
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Calvary Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity Cross Country
Lakewood, Thomas Sumter in Palmetto State Festival (at Columbia International University in Columbia), 8:30 a.m.
Manning in Green Wave Invitational (at Summerville High), 5 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Wilson Hall in Porter-Gaud Invitational, TBA

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MAE BETTS BROWN

COLUMBIA — Mae Betts Brown died on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

**BROWN**

Mae was born on March 1, 1923, in Sumter, to George Ducker and Annie Poplin Betts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Cecil W. Brown, John A. Buck and Charles "Chuck" K. Yelton; as well as her seven brothers and sisters.

Mae was very proud of and dedicated to her family. She endured many personal sacrifices for the benefit of her family, and all are eternally grateful.

She is survived by her sons, Cecil W. "Woody" Brown of Longmont, Colorado, Thomas E. and Cecelia Brown of Hartsville, Harry R. and Janice W. Brown of Columbia and James Robert and Martha Lee Brown of Leesburg, Florida; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was a longtime member of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, serving as circle chairman on several occasions.

The family welcomes all friends and family to a celebration of Mae's life at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.

The family will receive friends following the service in the church parlor.

Dunbar Funeral Home, Northeast Chapel, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

The family wants to especially thank the entire staff of the Crossings of Columbia for all of the love and special care provided to our mother during the last two years. In addition, we would like to thank the staff of Pathway Hospice for their tremendous support and dedication to her during the last few months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 N. Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29206.

Memories may be shared at www.dunbarfunerals.com.

RANDOLPH LEE GARRETT JR.

MANNING — Randolph Lee "Randy" Garrett Jr., 64, widower of Barbara Brock Garrett, died on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

**GARRETT**

Born on May 25, 1954, in Moncks Corner, he was a son of

the late Randolph Lee Garrett Sr. and Ada Jean Wiles Garrett. He was a former chief of police for the city of Manning and the former sheriff of Clarendon County.

He is survived by three daughters, Lamonda Sweat of Manning, Christina Garrett of Florence and Brittany Garrett of Summerville; two grandchildren, Dori Sweat and Jake Sweat; two brothers, Adam Carroll of Eutawville and Randy Lee Garrett III (Melissa) of Holly Hill; a sister, Jo Ann Buchanan (Charles) of Bakersville, North Carolina; and stepmother, Betty Garrett of Holly Hill.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Allen Garrett.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Weldon Auditorium with the Rev. Jessie Brock officiating. Burial will follow at Clarendon Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be the South Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard.

Honorary pallbearers will be his numerous brothers and sisters in law enforcement.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 2193 Lake Shore Drive, Manning.

Memorials may be made to The Inv. Holmes N. Smith Jr. Foundation Inc., www.sites.google.com/view/invhnsmithfoundation.

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

LEXIE MAE KINDER

Lexie Mae Kinder, 14, peacefully went home to be with

**KINDER**

the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018.

Born on April 29, 2004, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Lucian Scott Kinder and Cristi Coker

Kinder. Lexie was a member of Christ Community Church and enjoyed her church family, singing, painting and sharing her joy of the Lord with others.

She is survived by her parents of Sumter; brothers, Brandon Scott Kinder (Danielle) of Simpsonville and Jacob Teal; sisters, Jordan Kinder Chestnut (Michael) of Greenville and Ryane Kinder Ferrell (David) of Sumter, Jaden, Hannah and Madelynn Teal; her paternal grandmother, Sylvia Kinder of Sumter; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, Dr. Jack D. Kinder (LaJean B. Kinder); and maternal grandparents, Archie Kelly Coker (Barbara McLeod Coker).

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Christ Community Church with the Rev. Mark Yoder officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 until 3 p.m. today at Christ Community Church and other times at the home.

Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Rani Bandisode and Dawn M. Addison of MUSC Pediatric Cardiology, Hands of Hope-Hospice Care of SC, Alice Drive Elementary and Middle Schools for the love and care they have shown Lexie.

Memorials may be made to John K. Crosswell Home for Children-Promise Angels, 11 Crosswell Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 or to Christ Community Church, 320 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

**GEORGE W. WITHERSPOON**

MANNING — George Weston Witherspoon, 73, died on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia.

He was born on March 13, 1945, in Manning, a son of the late Weston and Willie Mae Felder Witherspoon.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of his cousins, Janie and Clarence Eversley, 3249 Oak Grove Church Road, Manning.

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

ERNEST NELSON

MANNING — Ernest Nelson, 60, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1958, in Rimini, a son of the late James and Emily Hampton Nelson.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister-in-law, Gladys Nelson, 2988 Chewning Road, Pinewood.

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

DEAUTRA JONES

DeAutra Jones, 54, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018.

Born on Aug. 27, 1963, in Miami, she was a daughter of the late Stella Jones and Albert Richardson.

The family will receive family and friends from 5 to 9 p.m. at the home, 9535 Liberty Hill Road, Summerton.

Funeral arrangement are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Summerton Funeral Home LLC.

CAMILLA J. MARTIN

Camilla Jenkins Martin, 80, wife of Raymond Martin, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

Born on Dec. 26, 1937, in Lee County, she was a daughter of

the late Ronea Jenkins.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at her home, 790 Westbury Mill Road, Sumter.

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

RHEATIS GRANT

Rheatis Grant, 91, widower of Silas Grant, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Ker-shawHealth Medical Center at Camden.

Born on Aug. 16, 1927, in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of Joe and Rheatis Hilton Robinson.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3853 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell.

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

CATHERINE E. HAYES

Catherine E. Hayes, of 1666 Cabelas Place, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Toumey.

The family is receiving friends at the home.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be announced later by the staff of Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

NAOMI MOORE MERCHANT

LAURINBURG, N.C. — Naomi Moore Merchant, age 86, of Laurinburg, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018.

She was born on Aug. 14, 1932, in Chadburn, North Carolina, the loving daughter of the late Charlie and Leah Hardie Moore. She dedicated her life to loving and caring for her family as a homemaker. She loved gardening, listening to music and dancing. She formerly served as a member of Order of the Eastern Star. Naomi's greatest joy was sharing her time with family and her dog, Daisy.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Merchant; son, Barry Walters and daughter-in-law, Debbie Walters; and her brothers, Elmer Moore and Layton Moore.

Naomi is survived by her children, daughter, Paula Love (Richard) of Laurinburg; sons, Jimmy Walters of Chadburn and Curtis Walters (Cynthia) of Whiteville, North Carolina; grandchildren, Adam Jones, Lizzey Love, April Mash, Lisa Thomas and Christy Walters; and four great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held on Monday at Hillside Memorial Park in Laurinburg.

The family requests memorial donations be given in her memory to Scotland Regional Hospice, P.O. Box 1033, Laurinburg, NC 28353.

Services entrusted to Richard Boles Funeral Service.

WILLIE FLEMING JR.

Willie Fleming Jr., 76, husband of Perlie Mae Fleming, departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Nov. 2, 1941, in Clarendon County, a son of the late Willie and Ada English Fleming.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. daily at the home, 1510 Illery Road, Sumter.

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

MARQUIS L. LEWIS

Marquis L. Lewis, 26, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in Bishopville.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1991, in Sumter County, a son of Gloria Jean Prescott.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1043 Wellington Road, Sumter.

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

ETHEL LEE C. GAVIN

Ethel Lee Choice Gavin came into her season of birth on July 10, 1944, in Sumter, to the late Ethel Johnson and Charlie Choice Sr.

At an early age, Ethel joined High Hills AME Church, where she served on the Emma Louise Missionary Society, sang with various choirs, was a class leader, a member of the floral club, a formal steward and trustee

board member, a stewardess member and founder/CEO of the Golden Girls of Sumter.

On Aug. 6, 1966, Ethel married the love of her life, the late Richard Lee Gavin Sr., and from this union a child was born, Richard Lee Gavin II.

Ethel worked as a cafeteria employee with Sumter School District 2 for more than 30 years. She also worked at Atkinson West Community Residential as a certified disability aide.

Ethel Lee transitioned from this earthly life on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

Ethel leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, Richard II (Carolyn) Gavin of Wedgefield and Brandon (Kearston) Franklin of Orangeburg; two stepchildren, Sharon (Joseph) Williams of Queens, New York, and Herbert Davis of Dalzell; one sister, Amelia Dawson of Charlotte, North Carolina; one brother, Charlie (Sheila) Choice Jr. of Sumter; two sisters-in-law, Mary Ann (Johnny) Wigfall and Ida Lee (Larry Sr.) Nathaniel, both of Wedgefield; two brothers-in-law, Johnny (Idell) Gavin of Columbia and William (Rebecca) Gavin of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a host of loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband; parents; her siblings, Samuel Johnson, Estelle Frazier, Willie Mae Singleton and Rosa Mae Bolden; and several nieces and nephews.

Public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Gavin will be placed in the church at noon on Wednesday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Keith R. Mayes officiating. Interment will follow at High Hills Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 145 ALG Road, Wedgefield.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

ANTWAN MILLER

BISHOPVILLE — Antwan Miller, 29, died on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

The family is receiving friends at 85 Murray Lane, McBee.

Plans will be announced by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

DERRICK LAWSON

BISHOPVILLE — Derrick Lawson died on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his parents, 990 St. Charles Road, Bishopville.

Plans will be announced by JP Holley Funeral Home,

Bishopville Chapel.

ESSIE MAE WILSON

Essie Mae Wilson, 64, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on May 31, 1954, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late James McDonald.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1079 S. St. Paul Church Road, Sumter.

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

ALBERTA L. DAVIS

Alberta Lewis Davis, 92, widow of Freddie L. Davis, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at her residence in Sumter.

Born in Dillon County, she was a daughter of the late James Moses Lewis and Mary J. Owens Lewis.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. daily at 974 S. Main St., Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

**GWENDOLYN J. FORTUNE**

Gwendolyn Jackson Fortune, 61, wife of Willie Fortune, departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at Regency Hospital of Florence.

She was born on Feb. 20, 1957, in Sumter, to the late Tossie and Cora Lee Washington Jackson.

The family is receiving friends at 310 Enter St.

Services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

CARL LEE FRAZIER

BALTIMORE — On Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, Carl Lee Frazier departed this life in Baltimore.

Born on March 7, 1950, in Manning, he was a son of the late Bircham Sr. and Julia Ella Epps Frazier.

Service of remembrance will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Walker's Life Memorial Center Chapel, 5310 Ritchie Highway, Baltimore.

Walker's Life Memorial Center is in charge of these services.

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LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Quarter Finals 3" (N) (Live)			(-01) Making It "Inside Out" The makers transform backyard sheds. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(-34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Kate McKinnon; Mo Rocca; Nicky Jam.	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "One Step Forward" Sara Carter asks Gibbs for help. (DVS)	Bull "Absolution" Bull tries to help an innocent man.	NCIS: New Orleans "Powder Keg" Thieves take Pride and others hostage. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(-35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Denzel Washington; Joe Kennedy III.		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Shopping Spree"	Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament: Week 1"	Bachelor in Paradise (N)			Castaways "Three's a Crowd" A castaway's journey is cut short. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(-35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Master gardeners answer questions.	Mark Twain Clemens grows up in Missouri. (Part 1 of 2) (DVS)	Frontline "American Patriot" A family's fight against the government.			Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Mark Twain Clemens grows up in Missouri.	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Fighting-robot competition.	The Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Three" Singer-songwriter Michael Bolton. (DVS)	Love Connection "Armond & Grace" A man from Virginia; a woman from Texas. (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Bad Hair Day"	Last Man Standing "Shadowboxing"	The Flash "Lose Yourself" A way is found into the Thinker's lair.	The Outpost "The Colipsum Conundrum" Gwynn grows more suspicious of Wythers. (N)	The X-Files "John Doe" Amnesiac Doggett wanders a Mexican town.	The X-Files "Jump the Shark" Reunion with the Lone Gunmen.	The Game Malik undergoes physical therapy.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	The First 48 Highway shooting; nightclub execution.	The First 48 "Monster" A detective tracks a sadistic killer.	The First 48 "Trap House" A man is murdered just before Christmas.	(-01) The First 48 Detectives investigate a double murder.			(-04) The First 48 "Deadly Rap" Shootings in an Atlanta rap studio.	(12:03) The First 48 "Monster"		
AMC	48	180	(5:25) ** "Deep Impact" (1998, Drama) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni.	** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm. Global warming leads to worldwide natural disasters.	** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm. Global warming leads to worldwide natural disasters.	(-35) ** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm. Global warming leads to worldwide natural disasters.						
ANPL	41	100	The Great Barrier Reef	Wild Peru: Andes Battleground: Peru is home to habitual species.	Hit the Floor "Final Seconds" The Devils gear up to take on Miami. (N)	The Great Barrier Reef			Hit the Floor "Final Seconds" The Devils gear up to take on Miami. (N)			
BET	61	162	(5:00) "Big Momma's House 2"	(-33) * "Obsessed" man's idyllic life.	Below Deck Mediterranean The crew takes part in a trust exercise.	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao makes a shocking admission. (N)	Million Dollar Listing New York Steve tries to sell a country home. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao makes a shocking admission.	(12:04) The Grand Hustle		
BRAVO	47	181	Shark Tank A \$4 million investment.	Shark Tank A new dating app.	Shark Tank	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle	The Jim Jefferies Show	South Park	South Park	King of the Hill "High Anxiety"	
CNBC	35	84	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	The Comedy Central Roast "Bruce Willis" Celebrities roast Bruce Willis.	Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle	Bunk'd Finn fears public speaking.	Bunk'd	Raven's Home (Part 1 of 2)	Raven's Home (Part 2 of 2)	Bunk'd Hazel makes Zuri a CIT.		
CNN	3	80	(6:50) The Office "Stress Relief"	Bunk'd	Bunk'd Model rocket competition.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	(-03) Hard to Kill (N)	(-05) Deadliest Catch "Episode 20"	(12:06) Hard to Kill		
COM	57	136	Bunk'd	Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)	Deadliest Catch: The Bait "Episode 8"	(-01) Deadliest Catch "Episode 20" (N)	(-03) Hard to Kill (N)	(-05) Deadliest Catch "Episode 20"	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter		
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	2018 U.S. Open Tennis First Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Atlanta Dream. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"	Chopped			
DSC	42	103	Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)	Deadliest Catch: The Bait "Episode 8"	(-01) Deadliest Catch "Episode 20" (N)	(-03) Hard to Kill (N)	(-05) Deadliest Catch "Episode 20"	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"	Chopped			
ESPN	26	35	2018 U.S. Open Tennis First Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Atlanta Dream. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"	Chopped			
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter	WNBA Basketball TBA at Atlanta Dream. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball TBA at Seattle Storm. Semifinal, Game 2. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"	Chopped			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped Barbecue rivals battle it out.	Chopped "Grill Masters: Texas"	Chopped (N)	Chopped "Surf and Turf"	Chopped "Ingraham Angle" (N)	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"	Chopped			
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"	Chopped			
FREE	20	131	** "Zookeeper" (2011, Comedy) Kevin James, Rosario Dawson, Leslie Bibb. Talking animals teach their shy caretaker how to woo a woman.	** "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox. A goofy gumshoe probes the kidnapping of the Miami dolphin.	** "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox. A goofy gumshoe probes the kidnapping of the Miami dolphin.	The 700 Club Discover how to get the sleep you need. (Part 2 of 5)			How I Met Your Mother			
FSS	21	47	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	Braves Live! Post.	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Atlanta Braves.	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Atlanta Braves.					
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Once Upon a Prince" (2018) Megan Park, Jonathan Keltz.	"My Secret Valentine" (2018, Comedy) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker. A young woman takes advice from chalkboard notes.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls			
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Desert Flippers (N)	Desert Flippers	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Desert Flippers	
HIST	45	110	Forged in Fire "The Lion Spear"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "The Sengese" (N)	(-03) Counting Cars (-33) Counting Cars	(-03) Counting Cars (-33) Counting Cars	(-03) Counting Cars (-33) Counting Cars	Forged in Fire			
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds A series of home invasions and murders.	Criminal Minds "Seven Seconds" A child is abducted at a mall.	Criminal Minds "About Face" A murderer posts missing-persons fliers.	Criminal Minds "Identity" Serial killer's partner.	(-03) Seven Year Switch Learning how to rely on a spouse. (N)	(-03) Seven Year Switch Learning how to rely on a spouse.	Private Eyes "I Do, I Do" Shade and Angie investigate. (DVS)	Private Eyes "Disappearing Act"		
LIFE	50	145	Married at First Sight Spending time with in-laws and friends.	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight The couples explore their fantasies. (N)	(-03) Seven Year Switch Learning how to rely on a spouse. (N)	(-03) Seven Year Switch Learning how to rely on a spouse.	(-03) Seven Year Switch Learning how to rely on a spouse.	(12:01) Married at First Sight		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	Friends "Pilot"	Friends	Friends	Friends		
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	SpongeBob	Power Rangers	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends "Pilot"	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	64	153	Mom	** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.	Ink Master "Opening Shots"	** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves.	** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves.					
SYFY	58	152	** "Escape Plan" (2013, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Caviezel. A security expert must break out of a formidable prison.	** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Mis-matched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (DVS)	** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Mis-matched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (DVS)	Wrecked Jess loses her memory.	Drop the Mic	Conan (N)	Wrecked Jess loses her memory.			
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Wrecked Jess loses her memory.	Drop the Mic	Conan (N)	Wrecked Jess loses her memory.		
TCM	49	186	(5:30) *** "Advise and Consent" (1962, Drama) Henry Fonda.	*** "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930, War) Lew Ayres, Louis Wolheim, John Wray. A young German soldier faces the mechanized horrors of World War I.	*** "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930, War) Lew Ayres, Louis Wolheim, John Wray. A young German soldier faces the mechanized horrors of World War I.	*** "Last Train From Madrid" (1937) Dorothy Lamour. Spanish Civil War refugees flee the country by train.	*** "Last Train From Madrid" (1937) Dorothy Lamour. Spanish Civil War refugees flee the country by train.	*** "Last Train From Madrid" (1937) Dorothy Lamour. Spanish Civil War refugees flee the country by train.	*** "These Glamour Girls"			
TLC	43	157	Outdaughters	Outdaughters (N)	Outdaughters (N)	(-03) Rattled Julia returns to work. (N)	(-06) Outdaughters	(-06) Outdaughters	(-06) Outdaughters	(12:06) Rattled		
TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "3 Days to Kill" (2014, Action) Kevin Costner, Amber Heard.	*** "American Sniper" (2014, War) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Jake McDorman. Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. (DVS)	*** "American Sniper" (2014, War) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Jake McDorman. Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. (DVS)	(-45) ** "The Finest Hours" (2016, Adventure) Chris Pine, Casey Affleck. The Coast Guard battles a storm to rescue trapped sailors. (DVS)	(-45) ** "The Finest Hours" (2016, Adventure) Chris Pine, Casey Affleck. The Coast Guard battles a storm to rescue trapped sailors. (DVS)	(-45) ** "The Finest Hours" (2016, Adventure) Chris Pine, Casey Affleck. The Coast Guard battles a storm to rescue trapped sailors. (DVS)	(-45) ** "The Finest Hours" (2016, Adventure) Chris Pine, Casey Affleck. The Coast Guard battles a storm to rescue trapped sailors. (DVS)			
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Paid-Torpey	Hack My Life (N)	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Younger	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens		
USA	25	132	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Bixby's Back"	WWE SmackDown! The next step for Becky Lynch and Charlotte Flair. (N) (Live)	Miz & Mrs "Cowboy Miz"	(-31) Chrisley Knows Best (N)	(-02) Modern Family (DVS)	(-32) Modern Family "Regrets Only"	(-12:02) Modern Family		
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Girl Most Likely"	Law & Order "Equal Rights"	Law & Order Meat-packing company.	Law & Order "Dazzled"	Law & Order "Foul Play"	Law & Order "Foul Play"	Law & Order			
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			

'Greenleaf' begins its 3rd season with an IRS audit

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The sudsy and addictive melodrama "Greenleaf" (10 p.m., OWN, TV-14) enters a third season. The setting of a black megachurch and a dynastic religious family is just about perfect for soap opera, providing financial scandals, crises of faith, sexual identity confusion and family squabbles from the bedroom to the boardroom.

As the season begins, the marital discord between the Bishop (Keith David) and Lady Mae (Lynn Whitfield) takes a back seat to an IRS audit that threatens to rattle the collection plates.

As Labor Day looms, summer replacement series begin to sign off — some to never return. Whatever happened to "Wipe Out"? Two at least, have been given green lights to return, presumably in summer 2019. Look for Jamie Foxx's musical contest "Beat Shazam" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) to return.

NBC obviously likes what it sees on "Making It" (10 p.m., TV-14). This series, hosted by Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman, has been renewed for a second season.

"Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) repeats



COURTESY OF OWN / TINA ROWDEN

Lynn Whitfield, left, stars as Lady Mae and Keith David as Bishop Greenleaf in "Greenleaf," beginning its third season at 10 p.m. today on OWN.

"American Patriot," a look at how a land dispute battle in the West resulted in an armed camp, an insurrection against federal authority and new wind in the sails of armed militias and "patriot" groups.

TCM spends the day with Hollywood leading man Lew Ayres. Best known for playing a German soldier in the 1930 antiwar drama "All Quiet on the Western Front" (8 p.m.) he would appear in the title role in nine "Dr. Kildare" movies, including

"Young Dr. Kildare" (12:15 p.m.) and "Calling Dr. Kildare" (1:45 p.m.).

The movie franchise would be adapted for television from 1961-66, starring Richard Chamberlain ("The Thorn Birds") as the eponymous doctor.

Ayres' popularity plummeted when he requested conscientious objector status during World War II. Unlike other actors (Ronald Reagan and John Wayne) who spent the duration

of the war in Hollywood, Ayres served in the Medical Corps and received three Battle Stars. His reputation suffered nonetheless.

He would appear as the vice president in the controversial 1962 Washington drama "Advise & Consent" (5:30 p.m.), one of the first studio pictures of the Code era to feature a subplot about homosexuality and to set a scene in a gay bar. Ayres appeared in many TV series, including Barbara Stanwyck's "The Big Valley," "The Doris Day Show" and "Highway to Heaven." He died in 1996.

On the two-hour special "America Before Columbus" (8 p.m., National Geographic, TV-PG), scientists explore evidence of millions of inhabitants who lived in cities and developed rural economies, canals and infrastructure well before the arrival of conquerors and colonists from the Old World.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Matt's supplies dwindle on "Castaways" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- Todd tries to snap Jess out of her amnesia on "Wrecked" (10 p.m., TBS, TV-MA).
- Tempers flare on "Hard

Knocks: Training Camp With the Cleveland Browns" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

SERIES NOTES

Second thoughts about the Thinker on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) * A botched conviction on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Hard feelings on "The Outpost" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Thieves create a hostage crisis at Pride's watering hole on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Denzel Washington, Rep. Joe Kennedy III, D-Massachusetts, and Carmen Lagala are on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Kate McKinnon, Mo Rocca and J Balvin & Nicky Jam are on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Glenn Close, Topher Grace and Low Cut Connie visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Lucy Liu, Mandy Patinkin and Shawn Mendes are on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2018-CP-43-01288

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Sarah L. McCray, Plaintiff,
 -v-
Marla H. Scott, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: Marla H. Scott

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 12th day of July 2018, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on July 12, 2018. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

John D. Clark, Esquire
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 22 East Liberty Street
 P.O. Drawer 880
 Sumter, SC 29151

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2018-CP-43-01296

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Shonta T. Fleming, Plaintiff,
 -v-
Rose M. Rich, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: Rose M. Rich

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 12th day of July 2018, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the

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Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on July 12, 2018. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

John D. Clark, Esquire
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 22 East Liberty Street
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 Sumter, SC 29151

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)
 C/A No: 2018-CP-43-01053
DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.
Lorraine K. Key a/k/a Lorraine K. Key; Raymond A. McBride; Wafa Investments, LLC, DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity in/for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on June 6, 2018.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for

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Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

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Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate:/Harriett R. Hodge
#2018ES4300473
 Personal Representative
 Eileen H. Winn
 330 Pack Rd.
 Sumter, SC 29150

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 Personal Representative
 Ronda Wright
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#2018ES4300480
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Estate:/Loretta Papczynski
#2018ES4300450
 Personal Representative
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Estate:/Janie W. Washington
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Estate:/William A. Scheffel
#2018ES4300449
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Estate:/Evelyn M. Turner
#2018ES4300461
 Personal Representative
 Derrien Turner
 900 Lenox Rd. Apt. 2F
 Brooklyn, NY 11203

Estate:/Richard W. Lambert
#2018ES4300464
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 Karen Cooper
 407 Rogers Ave.
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Estate:/Katharine E. Starr
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Estate:/Mary Catherine Hartley
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