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Do school gardens really help our kids?

Activist takes a look at if this trend educates, leads to better health **C1**

Repairs at Second Mill Dam flow in steadily



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

A construction crew works on the road behind the dam at Second Mill Pond on Tuesday afternoon.

Concrete poured for roadway behind structure at pond

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Almost three years after the 1,000-year flood in October 2015 caused significant damage to the dam at Second Mill Pond, Sumterites are still waiting for the water to rise to previous levels.

While plans to repair the pond's dam have been in place since the flood, other weather events and government regulations have slowed the process and

left Second Mill Pond in bad shape for longer than intended.

Repairs include cleaning and staging the pond by removing trees and placing rocks to direct the flow of water; reinforcing the bottom of the spillway that runs under the bridge on Liberty Street; and installing a \$281,000 custom automatic spillway gate.

"Our goal has always been to make sure the dam

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Ministry helps after crisis with financial help, food

Fundraiser for groups enters its final week

BY ED VENTICINQUE
Special to The Sumter Item



VENTICINQUE

Volunteers with Sumter United Ministries' food pantry do not do client interviews unless the person is only in need of food, so volunteers at The

Lord's Cupboard don't know the total impact the ministry has on a family.

When we bring the wagon of food to the client's car, we often hear them say "thank you" and how they really appreciate the assistance.

Occasionally, clients are so



joyful tears and follow with exuberant shouts of praise to God.

Such was the case last week, when "Kathy" came for assistance with an eviction notice. As a regular ministry employee, I know — sadly — her situation wasn't much different than so many other people in our reception area last week.

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Summer of Caring always a success for many reasons

BY MARK CHAMPAGNE
Special to The Sumter Item

The Sumter Item's Summer of Caring campaign is perfectly named. The summer season causes us to think about cookouts, swimming, the beach and having fun. But equally as important, this campaign shifts our focus to caring for people and provides a great opportunity to give time and money.

For weeks, you have read about people assisted by Sumter United Ministries' Crisis Relief Ministry

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CHAMPAGNE



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

The Sumter Mall and standalone Broad Street locations of Chick-fil-A have seen sales jump 15 to 20 percent in a year.

Sumter really is enjoying more chicken than last year

Chick-fil-A's 2 locations see increase in revenue from '17

BY DANNY KELLY
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Sumter's Chick-fil-A franchise owner Scott Richardson has seen an increase in revenue at both of his locations this year, and customers have seen more faces at the drive-thru window and behind the counter.

Sales are up 15 to 20 percent this year from last year, according to general manager Jake Burleson.

With a little more than 100 employees total working at both locations, 1170 Broad St. and inside Sumter Mall, Burleson attributes the success to several key components.

"The remodel (of the 1170 Broad St. store) has helped," he said. "Now we have a two-lane drive-thru."

The remodel also added 800 square feet to the kitchen area for more cooking space. This was the first major remodeling investment for the restaurant since it opened in January 2002.

"The kitchen is expanded, so there's more space for (the employees) to work," Burleson said. "We also have more equipment and are now able to get orders out quicker."

Advances in technology have also helped the store.

"People ordering on our iPads makes things faster," Burleson said. "We use the iPads outside during peak hours."

Peak hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Burleson some-

times runs orders to cars himself during lunchtime so people don't have to wait as long.

"We're guaranteed to have employees outside during peak hours unless it's raining or we're shorthanded," Burleson said.

Burleson also said he is able to use all his employees efficiently.

Sumter's Chick-fil-A restaurants tend to hire a lot of high school and college employees part-time.

"We want to give them a chance to learn and develop," Burleson said. "They also get a lot of scholarship and career opportunities."

The local franchise is also flexible when it comes to its employees' schedules.

"We work around sports and school schedules," Burleson said. "We schedule



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New recruitment strategies help district fill vacancies

Initiatives bring 173 teachers to Sumter schools in a year

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Newly implemented recruitment strategies and offering new academic programs helped Sumter School District significantly lower its classroom teacher vacancy total for the start of the new school year.

Chief Human Resources Officer John Kuomus and Director of Teacher Recruitment and Retention Trevor Ivey presented an updated staffing report Monday night

to Sumter School District's Board of Trustees at the board's regular monthly work session.

Outside funding from a statewide rural school district recruitment initiative, contingency contracts, new nationally known academic programming in the district's schools and new social media recruitment strategies have all helped the district's human resources department bring 173 new certified teachers on board in the last year.

During the summer, about 60 new hires were made, according to Ivey, and the district started the school year last week with 29 classroom teacher vacancies (28 as of

Monday). Last school year, the district began with 52 teacher vacancies.

The district's human resources department utilized funding from The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement at Winthrop University to pay for staff to attend out-of-state job fairs and pay for fees associated with hiring international teachers, Kuomus said.

The department also began using "contingency contracts" for the first time to offer qualified teacher candidates a contract "on the spot" — provided they later met certain contingencies, such as providing proof of their certification and passing a criminal records check.

Ivey said in the past the district was potentially losing out on qualified candidates because it had to wait several days to a week for clearance on several checklist items before providing an offer.

Since the beginning of last school year, the district has issued 115 contingency contracts.

"These candidates are excited about the contingency contract because they want to know that they have an offer and a place in Sumter School District," Ivey said. "This doesn't seem extraordinary, but it is something that has really helped to meet some of our demands."

Implementation of new ac-

ademic programs, such as Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Leader in Me, and a math and science initiative known as NMSI, among others, has also helped with teacher recruitment, Ivey said.

The new programs are well known throughout the U.S. and can help set a school apart for the candidate in the interview process, he said.

The human resources department has also started using "Live Chat" on the district's social media pages "to meet candidates where they're at," Ivey said. The technology allows a potential job candidate to text in and chat live with a district recruiter on the internet.

Forestry Commission supports Sumter district



PHOTO BY SHELLY GALLOWAY / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Manchester State Forest Director James Douglas, left, presents Sumter School District's Board of Trustees Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney with a check for \$234,718.93 on Monday night at the board's meeting at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. Annually, the state Forestry Commission designates a portion of the revenue earned at the Wedgefield state forest to support Sumter School District.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Manning woman dies in wreck with 17-year-old

SUMMERTON — A 32-year-old Manning woman died Tuesday morning from injuries she sustained in a two-vehicle wreck earlier in the day, according to Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock.

"Allison Billups was transported to McLeod Clarendon by ambulance and then transferred to a Florence hospital where she died from a head injury at 9:54 this morning," Mock said Tuesday afternoon.

Lance Cpl. David Jones with the South Carolina Highway Patrol said Billups was driving a 2011 Lexus on Alex Harvin Highway when a GMC truck driven by a 17-year-old male ran the stop sign on Jack Touchberry Road and struck Billups' Lexus in the side.

Jones said no charges had been filed as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The wreck is still under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

CORRECTION

If you see a statement in error, contact the City Desk at 774-1226 or pressrelease@theitem.com.

Business news

2 Sumter schools receive literacy grants from Dollar General

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Two public schools in Sumter County received funding from a value shopping store chain with local branches.

Hillcrest Middle School and Willow Drive Elementary School are among 34 schools, colleges and nonprofit organizations throughout the state that were awarded a total of \$75,000 from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The youth literacy grants provide financial support to teachers, libraries and literacy organizations to



"support a successful academic year throughout the 44 states that Dollar General serves."

"The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to be an ardent support of schools, libraries and nonprofit literacy organizations," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's chief executive officer, in a news release.

Since its inception 25 years ago, the foundation has partnered with thou-

sands of organizations focused on advancing the goals of literacy and education, Vasos said.

Hillcrest in Dalzell received \$1,000, and Willow Drive in Sumter received \$2,000.

Statewide grants are part of more than \$3.4 million that the foundation awarded Tuesday morning. To date, the foundation has awarded more than \$159 million in grants to schools, libraries and literacy organizations as part of its "commitment to increase literacy skills of individuals of all ages."

Dollar General's co-founder, J.L.

Turner, was functionally illiterate and never completed a formal education. In 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation was established in his honor and has since helped more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards money to organizations within a 20-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center. Grant applications for 2019 youth, summer, family and adult literacy programs will be available on Jan. 2, 2019.

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Central Carolina Technical College President Dr. Michael Mikota has announced the Summer 2018 student honors lists. This term, 234 students have been honored. The President's List recognizes students who were enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours and achieved a 4.0 grade-point average for the term. The Part-Time President's List recognizes students who were enrolled in six-11 credit hours and achieved a 4.0 grade-point average for the term.

Central Carolina Technical College's Dean's List recognizes students who were enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours and achieved at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term. This term, 174 students have been honored. The Part-Time Dean's List recognizes students who were enrolled in six-11 credit hours and achieved at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

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- **Williamsburg County** — Dakota H. Powell.

Clemson University

CLEMSON — The following area residents graduated from Clemson University on Aug. 10.

- **Rebecca Kay Galloway of Bishopville**, who graduated with a Master of Human Resource Development in Human Resource Development
- **Morgan Addison Allan of Summerton**, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management
- **Preston R. McClun of Sumter**, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- **Kyle I. Tompkins of Sumter**, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management
- **Torynce Dale Wilson of Sumter**, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management



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Propagating at Home

One of my absolute favorite subjects in horticulture is stem propagation (creating a new plant by taking cuttings from another). I like to compare it to golf because it's something a person can do year-round, for a majority of his life. The main difference between the two is you can't throw a cutting as far as a golf club when you mess up. Joking aside, propagation is a rewarding hobby that anyone can do successfully by following a few simple rules.

The first rule of propagation is that a cutting is only as healthy as the stock plant it's taken from. Since cuttings are exact clones of the plant they came from, factors like disease, nutrient availability, and plant vigor all play an important role in rooting success. To mitigate these risks, keep your plants healthy through proper fertilization, watering, and pest management practices.

After selecting a plant you would like to propagate, consider the appropriate time of day and year to take cuttings. Many deciduous trees are best propagated from hardwood cuttings after the leaves fall, while evergreen plants can readily be propagated in the spring, summer, and fall. Regardless of the type, all cuttings should be taken early in the morning while leaves are turgid (full of water). When collecting cuttings, I generally wrap them in burlap and place them in a cooler containing ice. This reduces the likelihood of the cuttings drying out and increases chances for rooting success.

The glory of propagating at home is that it really doesn't require a greenhouse to be successful. As long as the chosen environment holds humidity, stays warm and is well-drained, you can root cuttings. While

studying horticulture at Clemson, I rooted plants in one of my wife's plastic containers that she kept Christmas ornaments in. To her dismay, I drilled a few holes in the sides of the make-shift greenhouse and covered the top with plastic wrap. A mist bottle served as the source of irrigation and increased humidity, and just like that I was successfully propagating plants year-round.

Contrary to popular belief, rooting hormones are not always needed. For example, most Hydrangea varieties can be successfully rooted without any hormone treatment throughout the duration of their growing season (remember that plant cultivars under patent cannot legally be propagated without a license). Moreover, many of the store-bought rooting hormones contain very low levels of indole-3-butyric acid (the synthetic version of the plant hormone auxin). While that auxin does promote rooting, it is not always needed for success in home propagation.

Whether you are looking for a new hobby or simply wish to add variety to your garden, consider giving propagation a try. If you would like to learn more about stem propagation, check out this segment from Making It Grow: (<https://www.scetv.org/stories/making-it-grow/2018/how-propagate-your-plants>).

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Shooting suspect was hospitalized twice for mental illness

Father, mother view son's behavior differently

BALTIMORE (AP) — The suspect in a deadly shooting at a Florida video game tournament had previously been hospitalized for mental illness, according to court records in his home state of Maryland reviewed by The Associated Press.

Divorce filings from the parents of 24-year-old David Katz of Baltimore say that as an adolescent he was twice hospitalized in psychiatric facilities and was prescribed antipsychotic and antidepressant medications.

The records show Katz's parents disagreed on how to care for their troubled son, with his father claiming his estranged wife was exaggerating symptoms of mental illness as part of their long and bitter custody battle. The couple divorced in 2007.

Katz opened fire Sunday at a gaming bar inside a collection of restaurants and shops in Jacksonville. He killed two people and wounded 10 others before fatally shooting himself during the "Madden NFL 19" tournament, authorities said.

Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams has declined to comment on the gunman's motive.

The suspect's father, Richard Katz of Baltimore, and his mother, Elizabeth Katz of Columbia, Maryland, did not respond to phone messages Sunday or Monday. Efforts by the AP to reach

them at their homes were also unsuccessful.

The Howard County, Maryland, divorce filings say David Katz played video games obsessively as a young adolescent, often refusing to go to school or bathe. Elizabeth Katz, a toxicologist at the Department of Agriculture, said she confiscated some of her son's gaming equipment after finding him playing in the wee hours.

"His hair would very often go unwashed for days. When I took his gaming equipment controllers away so he couldn't play at 3 or 4 in the morning, I'd get up and find that he was just walking around the house in circles," the mother said, according to a transcript in the court files.

At one point, she put his gaming controllers in her bedroom behind a locked door and he punched a hole in the door, she said.

Elizabeth Katz said her youngest son had increasing difficulty concentrating following his parents' split. A judge awarded custody of the boy to his mother, with visitation rights to the father.

At times David "curled up into a ball," refused to attend school and sobbed, she said. She asserted that her ex-husband instructed David not to take Risperidal — an antipsychotic medication prescribed to him. The fa-

ther claimed in court filings that David was not "diagnosed as psychotic."

He missed large stretches of school while under his mother's supervision. He was admitted to the nearby Shepard Pratt mental health system for about 12 days in late 2007. Court documents say a psychiatrist at that time administered antidepressants. He later spent about 13 days at Potomac Ridge, a mental health services facility in Rockville.

Richard Katz, a NASA engineer, said his ex-wife had "an obsession with using mental health professionals and in particular psychiatric drugs to perform the work that parents should naturally do." He said she routinely gave false information to mental health care providers. He described one incident in which his son was handcuffed by police after locking himself in his mother's car in an attempt to avoid going to a mental health appointment with her.

Federal law requires gun buyers to disclose whether they have ever been involuntarily committed to a mental institution. Maryland law prevents someone from passing a background check to buy guns if he or she was either involuntarily committed for any period of time or voluntarily admitted to a psychiatric facility for at least 30 consecutive days. Katz's two known hospitalizations as an adolescent did not reach that threshold.

"It appears that these disqualifications did not apply to David Katz," said

Daniel Webster, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research.

In recent weeks, Katz legally purchased the two handguns he carried from a gun store in Baltimore, the sheriff said.

Sheriff Williams, who said Katz did not fire both weapons, did not say whether Katz disclosed his past hospitalizations on the form for the required federal background check.

By the time Katz was 15, the divorce records show, the father asserted that Elizabeth Katz "routinely" called the police for "trivial matters." In a transcript of a 2010 phone call, the mother phoned a 911 dispatcher, accusing David of "abusing" her by coming home late after a visitation with his father. She then insisted he was "assaulting" her by trying to gain control of the cable cord to the television. She complained to the dispatcher that he was rolling his eyes and laughing.

According to the father's version of events, the relationship between mother and son got increasingly worse.

Elizabeth Katz put David's clothes in suitcases on at least two occasions and asked him to leave, including once on Mother's Day in 2007. In court filings, the father asserted that David "routinely expresses his anger" toward her. He claimed that when David was staying with him, the boy showed no signs of behavioral problems and was "generally lively, communicative" and "playful."

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Kavanaugh's support for surveilling Americans raises concern ahead of confirmation hearings

CINCINNATI (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh has frequently supported giving the U.S. government wide latitude in the name of national security, including the secret collection of personal data from Americans.

It's a subject Democrats plan to grill Kavanaugh about during his confirmation hearings scheduled to begin next Tuesday. Beyond his writings as an appeals court judge, some senators suspect Kavanaugh was more involved in crafting counterterrorism policies during the George W. Bush administration than he has let on.

Kavanaugh stated in past congressional testimony that he wasn't involved in such provocative matters as warrantless surveillance and the treatment of enemy combatants in the years immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

But legal experts say he could shift the court on national security issues if he is confirmed to replace retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Stephen Vladeck, a University of Texas law professor whose

expertise includes national security and counterterrorism, cites opinions he says show Kavanaugh "is a lot less willing (than Kennedy) to look at international law as a relevant source of authority and constraint." He said on matters such as Guantanamo detention, Kavanaugh is "much more deferential to the executive branch in this context than Kennedy would have been."

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, calls Kavanaugh "incredibly well-qualified." The former U.S. trade representative and White House budget director knows Kavanaugh from their time together in the Bush administration. He said Kavanaugh "believes strongly in the Constitution" and the Bill of Rights.

"I think he's in the mainstream with regard to these issues, and frankly, I don't think it's a difference with any meaning between where he is and where the court is currently," Portman said.

Democrats facing an uphill battle in blocking Kavanaugh's nomination have focused less on his judicial counterterrorism record than whether he misled senators about his role in Bush policies while testifying in 2006 confirmation hearings.



KAVANAUGH



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Aretha Franklin lies in her casket at Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History during a public visitation in Detroit on Tuesday.

Fans mourn Franklin at gospel-infused viewing

DETROIT (AP) — Mourners began pouring into Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Tuesday to pay their final respects to Aretha Franklin.

They approached her gold-plated casket to the sounds of her gospel recordings. She was in repose, dressed in red from head to high-heeled shoes, legs crossed at the ankles.

As they approached, people who came from as far away as Las Vegas and Miami cried, crossed themselves, bowed their heads or blew kisses.

Museum board member Kelly Major Green said the

goal was to create a dignified and respectful environment akin to a church, the place where Franklin got her start.

"What we wanted to do is be reflective of the Queen," Green said. "It's beautiful. She's beautiful."

Green said Franklin's attire and pose communicates both power and comfort, as she did in life.

The shoes, in particular, show "The Queen of Soul is diva to the end," Green said.

Tammy Gibson, 49, of Chicago said she arrived about 5:30 a.m. She came alone but made fast friends with others who sang and reminisced.

Graham: Relationship between Trump, Sessions 'beyond repair'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator said the relationship between President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions is "dysfunctional" and "beyond repair."

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" that the Justice Department needs a leader who can work with the president and that Sessions wasn't the only person for the job.

He said anyone picked to replace Sessions would have to commit to the Senate to al-

lowing special counsel Robert Mueller to finish his investigation into Russian election interference.

Graham was an early supporter of Sessions and said Tuesday he wasn't asking for him to be fired.

But he said the relationship between the president and the attorney general isn't working.

Trump has repeatedly lashed out at Sessions for recusing himself last year from the Russia investigation.

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ABOVE: A construction crew lays rebar to rebuild the road behind the dam at Second Mill Pond on Tuesday.

RIGHT: Workers smooth out concrete on the roadway behind Second Mill Pond on Thursday. This is one of the many repairs taking place at the dam since it was damaged during the 1,000-year flood in 2015.



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REPAIRS

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is safer and stronger,” Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said.

Three major weather events — an ice storm, a flood and a hurricane — caused significant damage, but the county is happy to see progress as Second Mill Dam is rebuilt, he said.

However, you’re at the mercy of Mother Nature when working on projects such as this, and Sumter has had quite a bit of rain that has delayed the project, he said.

Mixon said concrete was recently poured to rebuild the road behind the dam, Mixon said.

“It’s a key part of the process, but there’s plenty of work left to be done,” he said.

He said there are numerous regulations involving the project that also add time to the project. The county is making sure it is diligent and methodical in adhering to regulations to ensure the county is reimbursed by FEMA for the repairs, he said.

Mixon said he would like to say there is an exact completion date but that the county does not know when final regulatory approval will come.

“And, we don’t want to rush the process,” he said. “We know there’s a lot of interest in Second Mill’s Dam, and we continue to appreciate the patience and support of the residents in the area.”

Tearful Graham mourns McCain in Senate eulogy

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain’s close friend Lindsey Graham mixed laughter and tears on the Senate floor Tuesday as he remembered “Operation Maverick,” which he described as lessons in choosing “what’s right at your own expense.”

“He taught me that honor and imperfection are always in competition,” Sen. Graham said, reading from a handwritten outline next to McCain’s empty desk, now topped with roses. “I do not cry for a perfect man. I cry for a man who had honor and always was willing to admit to his imperfection.”

The South Carolina Republican added, “There’s a little McCain in all of us.”

Graham’s tears were the rawest point in a day in which members were still coming to grips with a Senate now permanently without McCain’s wily, white-haired presence, something that had been a constant feature of the institution for more than 30 years.

At one point, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia stepped behind the desk, crossed himself, kissed his fingers and touched the black draping. At another, Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Tim

Scott of South Carolina and Manchin formed a tight circle around McCain’s spot and admired the roses.

McCain died Saturday at home in Arizona after 13 months battling brain cancer. He had not been back to Washington since December because of his illness but stayed engaged in policy debates and expressed his disdain for President Donald Trump in their ongoing feud.

But now he was truly gone, his absence confirmed by his empty chair and desk along a much-traversed aisle.

“When you walk by Sen. McCain’s desk and you see the black drape and the bowl of white roses, it really underscores the loss,” said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

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When you're a struggling single parent and making great strides to provide for your family, life can be extremely stressful.

Based on her client interview at intake, Kathy knows the challenges of being a single parent. She tries hard to juggle work and the responsibilities of parenting.

According to her client file, she recently became overwhelmed when faced with arranging safe childcare for her two children to allow her to work.

Kathy's childcare became unreliable, causing her to be unreliable at her work, and it eventually cost her the job she so desperately needed, she said in her intake interview.

When you're raising children alone, inconveniences can become a major crisis.

Kathy had to respond quickly to losing her job to continue paying her bills and provide meals for her family.

Thankfully, she was able to find one quickly.

From her story, Kathy knows the road ahead will be difficult, but she's taking it one day at a time as she tries to catch up with her other expenses.

However, if she uses the practical budget advice the ministry provided her and continues to work hard, she will be able to care for her children and their needs.

Without a doubt, Kathy will face other obstacles as a single parent that could have an effect on her lifestyle and ability to maintain a job. If she returns, even though our advice may be challenging, we would hope to see she is taking steps that will be beneficial to her and her family in the future.

Ed Venticinque is the in-kind coordinator with the Crisis Relief Ministry of Sumter United Ministries.

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SUCCESS

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Mark Champagne is executive director of Sumter United Ministries.

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CHICK-FIL-A

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them for mornings and evenings (accordingly)."

Chick-fil-A's classic food options, such as chicken sandwiches, waffle fries and Chick-n-Minis, also attract customers to its stores.

"We have great food," Burleson said.

"(People love founder S. Truett) Cathy's

Chick-fil-A sandwich."

But most importantly, the restaurants' service keeps people coming back.

"We have great service; our employees use eye contact and speak enthusiastically," Burleson said. "You don't find that kind of hospitality in other fast-food atmospheres. Chick-fil-A continues to raise the bar, and that's what brings people here."

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A Day at the Beach

Twice each day the ocean water rises and falls along the coastline. This is called the **tide**. At high tide, the ocean water covers the seashore. At low tide, the water recedes and much of the shoreline is left exposed. But not all of it. As the tide goes out, pools of water are left behind. These pools, called **tide pools**, shelter many living creatures from the hot sun.

Standards Link: Life Science: Different animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Tide Pool Creatures Memory Game

- Cut out each of the playing cards and glue them to some heavier paper, such as construction paper.
- Shuffle the cards and lay them face down on a table. Make four rows with five cards in each row as shown here:

- With one or more friends, take turns flipping over two cards at a time. If you match two creature cards, keep the cards. If you don't get a match, flip the cards back over but leave in the same position.
- The game ends when all of the matches have been taken. The person with the most pairs wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions. Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in different kinds of places; there is a variation among individuals of one kind within a population; students know examples of diverse life forms in different environments.

The hermit crab is a type of crab that doesn't have a hard shell. It uses other animals' old shells for protection.	When a hermit crab grows, it must find and move into a larger shell.	The biggest crab is the Japanese spider crab. It has a 12 foot (3.7 meter) leg span.	Crabs are 10-legged animals that walk sideways. There are nearly 5,000 different species of crabs.
Limpets cling to rocks using their muscular "foot." They scrape off and eat algae as they crawl slowly along rocks.	No one knows how they do this, but limpets return each night to the same place on their rock.	A clam is an animal that has two shells to protect its soft body. There are more than 15,000 species of clams worldwide.	The biggest clam is the giant clam, which grows up to 4.8 feet (1.5 meters) long and weighs up to 550 pounds (250 kilograms).
Barnacles start life as tiny shrimp-like animals. They attach themselves head first to a solid surface such as a rock, dock or ship.	Some barnacles have been found attached to whales. Once attached, a barnacle forms a hard shell around its body.	Sea anemones look like flowers, but they are predatory animals. The anemone uses its tentacles to capture and sting prey.	Once a sea anemone's food is caught, it closes its body around it and digests its meal within 15 minutes.
A sea urchin is a spiny animal that has teeth on its bottom side. It uses its teeth to scrape algae from rocks.	Some sea urchins have poison in their spines. Urchins use their spines to dig holes for burrowing and as a protection from attackers.	Living sand dollars are brown and are covered with short spines that feel like velvet. Sand dollars burrow into the sand to hide from predators.	It takes a sand dollar one to three minutes to cover itself. That is fast enough to escape from a slow-moving sea star.
The sand castle worm builds a tubular home for itself with sand and a sticky mucus it makes with its own body.	When under water, sand castle worms extend tentacles from the tube to trap tiny bits of food.	The sea cucumber may look like the vegetable cucumber, but it is an animal that is related to the sea star.	To escape attackers, a sea cucumber turns itself inside out and throws its internal organs at the enemy. The organs grow back.

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Perfect Pairs

Look through the newspaper to find two things that go together. Explain why the two things belong together.

Standards Link: Investigation: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

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Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify figures that have bilateral symmetry.

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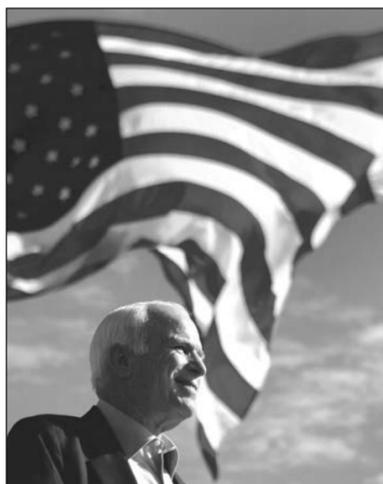
Sen. McCain's final words to the nation

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who passed away Saturday from brain cancer, wrote a farewell message to the country that was delivered by his friend and former top aide, Rick Davis, on Monday in Phoenix. The full text is below.

My fellow Americans, whom I have gratefully served for sixty years, and especially my fellow Arizonans,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and for the rewarding life that service in uniform and in public office has allowed me to lead. I have tried to serve our country honorably. I have made mistakes, but I hope my love for America will be weighed favorably against them.

I have often observed that I am the luckiest person on earth. I feel that way even now as I prepare for the end of my life. I have loved my life, all of it. I have had experiences, adventures and friendships enough for ten satisfying lives, and I am so thankful. Like most people, I have regrets. But I would not



AP FILE PHOTO
Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks at a rally outside Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida, in 2008.

trade a day of my life, in good or bad times, for the best day of anyone else's.

I owe that satisfaction to the love of my family. No man ever had a more loving wife or children he was prouder of than I am of mine. And I owe it to America. To be connected to America's causes — liberty, equal justice, respect for the dignity of all people

— brings happiness more sublime than life's fleeting pleasures. Our identities and sense of worth are not circumscribed but enlarged by serving good causes bigger than ourselves.

'Fellow Americans' — that association has meant more to me than any other. I lived and died a proud American. We are citizens of the world's greatest republic, a nation of ideals, not blood and soil. We are blessed and are a blessing to humanity when we uphold and advance those ideals at home and in the world. We have helped liberate more people from tyranny and poverty than ever before in history. We have acquired great wealth and power in the process.

We weaken our greatness when we confuse our patriotism with tribal rivalries that have sown resentment and hatred and violence in all the corners of the globe. We weaken it when we hide behind walls, rather than tear them down, when we doubt the power of our ideals, rather than trust them to be the great force for change they have always been.

We are three-hundred-and-twenty-five million opinionated, vociferous individuals. We argue and compete and sometimes even vilify each other in our raucous public debates. But we have always had so much more in common with each other than in disagreement. If only we remember that and give each other the benefit of the presumption that we all love our country we will get through these challenging times. We will come through them stronger than before. We always do.

Ten years ago, I had the privilege to concede defeat in the election for president. I want to end my farewell to you with the heartfelt faith in Americans that I felt so powerfully that evening.

I feel it powerfully still. Do not despair of our present difficulties but believe always in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here. Americans never quit. We never surrender. We never hide from history. We make history.

Farewell, fellow Americans. God bless you, and God bless America.



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Are the interventionists now leaderless without McCain?

“McCain's Death Leaves Void” ran *The Wall Street Journal* headline over a front-page story that began:

“The death of John McCain will leave Congress without perhaps its loudest voice in support of the robust internationalism that has defined the country's security relations since

World War II.”

Certainly, the passing of the senator whose life story will dominate the news until he is buried at his alma mater, the Naval Academy, on Sunday, leaves America's interventionists without their greatest champion.

No one around has the prestige or media following of McCain.

And the cause he championed, compulsive intervention in foreign quarrels and face down dictators and bring democrats to power, appears to be a cause whose time has passed.

COMMENTARY

When 9/11 occurred, America was united in crushing the al-Qaida terrorists who perpetrated the atrocities. John McCain then backed President Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003, which had no role in the attacks.

During Barack Obama's presidency, he slipped into northern Syria to cheer rebels who had arisen to overthrow President Bashar Assad, an insurgency that led to a seven-year civil war and one of the great humanitarian disasters of our time.

McCain supported the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe and the Baltic, right up to Russia's border. When Georgia invaded South Ossetia in 2008, and was expelled by the Russian army, McCain roared, “We are all Georgians now!”

He urged intervention. But Bush, his approval rating scraping bottom, had had enough of the neocon crusades for democracy.

McCain's contempt for Vladimir Putin was unstrained. When crowds gathered in Maidan Square in Kiev to overthrow an elected pro-Russian president, Mc-

Cain was there, cheering them on.

He supported sending arms to the Ukrainian army to fight pro-Russian rebels in the Donbass. He backed U.S. support for Saudi intervention in Yemen. And this war, too, proved to be a humanitarian disaster.

John McCain was a war hawk, and proud of it. But by 2006, the wars he had championed had cost the Republican Party both houses of Congress.

In 2008, when he was on the ballot, those wars helped cost him the presidency.

By 2016, the Republican majority would turn its back on McCain and his protege, Sen. Lindsey Graham, and nominate Donald Trump, who said he would seek to get along with Russia and extricate America from the wars into which McCain had helped plunge the country.

Yet, while interventionism now has no great champion and has proven unable to rally an American majority, it retains a residual momentum. This compulsion is pushing us to continue backing the Saudi war in Yemen and to seek regime change in Iran.

Yet if either of these enterprises holds any prospect of

bringing about a more peaceful and prosperous Middle East, no one has made the case.

While the foreign policy that won the Cold War, containment, was articulated by George Kennan and pursued by presidents from Truman to Bush I, no grand strategy for the post-Cold War era has ever been embraced by a majority of Americans.

Bush I's “New World Order” was rejected by Ross Perot's economic patriots and Bill Clinton's baby boomers who wanted to spend America's peace dividend from our Cold War victory on America's homefront.

As for the Bush II crusades for democracy “to end tyranny in our world,” the fruits of that Wilsonian idealism turned into ashes in our mouths.

But if the foreign policy agendas of Bush I and Bush II, along with McCain's interventionism, have been tried and found wanting, what is America's grand strategy?

What are the great goals of U.S. foreign policy? What are the vital interests for which all, or almost all Americans, believe we should fight?

We are bombing and fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq,

Syria, Libya and Yemen, partly John McCain's legacy. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has sent a virtual ultimatum to Iran. We have told North Korea, a nuclear power with the world's fourth-largest army, either to denuclearize or the U.S. may use its military might to get the job done.

We are challenging Beijing in its claimed territorial waters of the South China Sea. From South Korea to Estonia, we are committed by solemn treaty to go to war if any one of dozens of nations is attacked.

Now one hears talk of an “Arab NATO” to confront the ayatollah's Iran and its Shiite allies. Lest we forget, ISIS and al-Qaida are Sunni.

With all these war guarantees, the odds are excellent that one day we are going to be dragged in yet another war that the American people will sour upon soon after it begins.

Where is the American Kennan of the new century?

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, “Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”

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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.

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AA — Monday-Friday, noon and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.
AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.
AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.
AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 494-5180.
441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.
AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.
Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning, (803) 435-8085.
C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 607-4543.
Al-Anon "Seekers of Serenity" — Mondays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 720-1747.

efits.
"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. For teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email the-gathering23@aol.com.
Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St., (803) 883-4356.
Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St.
Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — Third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498 or (803) 316-4506.
EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

MONDAY MEETINGS:
Sumter Vitiligo Support Group — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St., (803) 316-6763. The group is on Facebook.
TUESDAY MEETINGS:
Celebrate Recovery — Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee / snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. Help with struggles of family problems, addictions, pornography, smoking, anxiety, etc.
Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St., (803) 494-5180.
Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle, (803) 773-0869.
Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and ben-

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:
Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave., (803) 774-6181.
Divorce Care and Grief Share — Two separate groups that meet Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, (803) 481-2160.
THURSDAY MEETINGS:
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Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or (800) 636-3346.
Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive, (803) 905-5620.

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the people you love. You can cover a lot of ground just by saying how much you care. Personal improvements will boost your morale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll learn a lot through observation and talking to experts. Participate in events that can benefit you professionally or that offer self-help. Personal growth, travel and retreats will open your mind to positive change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Physical labor is encouraged. The satisfaction you will get out of hard work will be gratifying and will offer benefits and remuneration as well. Getting together with peers to relax and enjoy one another's company will improve your work relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tuck your emotions away someplace safe. Don't display your feelings before you get your initiatives in place. By being observant, you'll recognize others' weaknesses, giving you the upper hand. A unique opportunity will unfold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep doing what you do best. Don't give anyone the chance to intervene or entice you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. It's important to finish what you start. Invest in yourself, not in helping someone else get ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Size up situations and take action. It's up to you to bring about change that will lead to personal profits. Your initiative will be impressive, attracting people willing to help you reach your goal. A

business trip or meeting will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face emotional ups and downs if you let someone put unrealistic demands on you. Don't feel responsible for what others do. Make your position clear and don't fold under pressure. Personal pampering and improvements will ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Leave nothing to chance. Before you present and promote what you have to offer, pay close attention to detail. Your reputation depends on how prepared you are. Traveling and dealing with institutions will be complicated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and nurture relationships with close friends, relatives and those you live with. You'll learn a lot about others if you discuss and share feelings. A romantic gesture will lead to plans that will improve your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refuse to let emotions take over when dealing with friends, relatives or peers. Keep an open mind; be willing to listen and adapt to changes necessary to help you reach your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money, health and legal matters should take top priority. Temptation to indulge in expensive pastimes should be avoided. Put an incentive in place to encourage you to stick to your budget and to do what's best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can help others, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Someone will use emotional tactics to make you feel sorry for him or her. Look past the melodrama and take care of your needs first.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds and sunshine	Mainly clear and humid	Partly sunny	An afternoon t-storm in spots	A t-storm around in the p.m.	Warm with partial sunshine
92°	72°	91° / 72°	91° / 72°	91° / 71°	92° / 71°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 25%
SSW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	ENE 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS
Today: Partly sunny, warm and humid. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.
Thursday: Humid with a thunderstorm around. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST
Today: Sun and clouds; a few showers. High 86 to 91.
Thursday: Sunshine; a thunderstorm in the area in central parts. High 86 to 91.

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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
92°	92°	71°	88°	67°	98° in 1948	54° in 1981

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"	4.64"	26.76"	27.57"	32.98"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.22	-0.04
Marion	76.8	75.45	-0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.23	-0.02
Wateree	100	96.91	-0.03

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:53 a.m.	Sunset	7:52 p.m.
Moonrise	9:55 p.m.	Moonset	9:38 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	4.88	-0.55
Congaree River	19	3.27	-0.37
Lynches River	14	1.57	-0.05
Saluda River	14	2.63	+0.36
Up. Santee River	80	76.68	-0.06
Wateree River	24	11.37	+0.41

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	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	11:31 a.m.	3.1	6:11 a.m.	0.3
	11:54 p.m.	3.1	6:23 p.m.	0.5
Thu.	12:09 p.m.	3.1	6:48 a.m.	0.3
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/72/t	88/71/t
Chicago	75/61/sh	73/61/pc
Dallas	96/78/s	96/79/pc
Detroit	84/60/t	75/58/pc
Houston	92/76/pc	90/74/t
Los Angeles	83/65/pc	85/65/pc
New Orleans	89/75/pc	88/74/t
New York	94/80/s	90/70/pc
Orlando	89/75/pc	89/75/c
Philadelphia	95/78/pc	92/71/pc
Phoenix	105/83/s	106/83/s
San Francisco	72/59/pc	70/57/pc
Wash., DC	96/78/s	92/74/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	85/66/t	83/66/t
Athens	89/70/t	89/69/t
Augusta	93/70/pc	92/70/t
Beaufort	91/73/pc	91/75/t
Cape Hatteras	87/79/pc	87/78/s
Charleston	90/74/pc	90/74/t
Charlotte	92/71/pc	92/71/pc
Clemson	90/71/pc	89/70/t
Columbia	93/73/pc	93/73/t
Darlington	92/72/pc	92/72/pc
Elizabeth City	93/76/s	93/75/s
Elizabethtown	91/73/pc	91/72/s
Fayetteville	93/74/pc	92/73/s

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	94/73/pc	94/73/pc
Gainesville	90/73/pc	91/74/c
Gastonia	91/71/pc	90/70/pc
Goldsboro	92/74/pc	92/73/pc
Goose Creek	89/74/pc	90/74/t
Greensboro	92/72/s	90/71/pc
Greenville	90/70/pc	89/70/t
Hickory	89/68/pc	88/69/t
Hilton Head	87/76/t	88/75/s
Jacksonville, FL	87/73/t	89/73/t
La Grange	89/72/t	89/71/t
Macon	90/70/t	90/70/t
Marietta	88/71/t	88/70/t

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	88/67/pc	86/66/t
Mt. Pleasant	88/75/pc	89/75/s
Myrtle Beach	88/74/pc	88/74/s
Orangeburg	91/72/pc	91/71/c
Port Royal	88/75/pc	88/75/t
Raleigh	92/73/pc	92/72/pc
Rock Hill	91/71/pc	90/70/pc
Rockingham	92/72/pc	91/72/pc
Savannah	90/72/t	90/73/t
Spartanburg	90/71/pc	89/70/t
Summerville	89/73/t	89/73/t
Wilmington	91/72/t	92/73/pc
Winston-Salem	91/71/s	89/71/c

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: Halle is a darling little mixed breed, who is about 3 months old. She so wants to be loved. Sweet little ones like this are basically a blank slate. She looks at you with a bit of trepidation in her eyes ... you know she would love to frolic and play with you but no one has shown her how yet. She will sit quietly and allow you to pet her, and you can feel the tenseness leave her body. With a loving owner, this girl will blossom. Halle will be medium sized when she is grown. She needs a safe and loving place to lay her head.

BELOW: Nola is a young adult mixed breed who adores people. This girl is one smart cookie. We believe she has had some training in basic commands, as when you bring out a dog treat and tell her to sit, she happily complies. At just 32 pounds, Nola is medium sized. If you like a girl who knows how to flirt and smile, Nola will win your heart.

If you would like to meet Halle in kennel 31 or Nola in kennel 22 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com for an adoption application. As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY?
Sumter Animal Control gladly accepts donations of the following: Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. Tax-deductible donations can be made via [Paypal at sumterstrays@gmail.com](mailto:Paypal@sumterstrays@gmail.com). One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

PREP FOOTBALL

Gamecocks break into 5A football poll

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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After a come-from-behind victory over Rock Hill High School in Week Zero and a 49-20 blowout triumph over Crestwood last week, the Sumter High football team has finally cracked the top 10 in the 5A portion of the S.C. Prep Media Football Poll released on Tuesday.

The Gamecocks come into the poll at No. 9. They are one of two new teams in the rankings this week along with No. 10 Summerville. Sumter and Summerville replace Spring Valley, one of Sumter's Region IV foes, and Spartanburg.

Sumter is the only local team to be ranked among the five classifications. However, three other local teams are receiving votes.

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S.C. PREP MEDIA FOOTBALL POLL

Following Week 1

5A

1. Dutch Fork (16)
 2. Dorman
 3. Gaffney
 4. Fort Dorchester
 5. T.L. Hanna
 6. Hillcrest
 7. Byrnes
 8. Berkeley
 9. Sumter
 10. Summerville
- Receiving votes: Boiling Springs, Spartanburg, West Florence, Clover, Spring Valley, Greenwood and Rock Hill.

4A

1. Hartsville (16)
 2. South Pointe
 3. Belton-Honea Path
 4. Myrtle Beach
 5. Greer
 6. North Myrtle Beach
 7. Greenville
 8. Westwood
 9. Brookland-Cayce
 10. North Augusta
- Receiving votes: Eastside, Wren, Daniel, Beaufort and Lakewood.

3A

1. Dillon (16)
 2. Gilbert
 3. Chester
 4. Chapman
 5. Strom Thurmond
 6. Woodruff
 7. Wade Hampton (H)
 8. Broome
 9. Camden
 10. Union County
- Receiving votes: Crescent, Seneca, Newberry, May River, Georgetown, Manning, Pendleton, Academic Magnet.

2A

1. Abbeville (16)
 2. Barnwell
 3. Carvers Bay
 4. Bamberg-Ehrhardt
 5. Southside Christian
 6. Whale Branch
 7. Saluda
 8. Ninety-Six
 9. Hannah-Pamplico
 10. Timberland
- Receiving votes: Batesburg-Leesville, Chesterfield, Latta, Woodland, Andrews, Gray Collegiate, Blacksburg, Landrum and Silver Bluff.

1A

1. Lamar (16)
 2. C.E. Murray
 3. Lake View
 4. Wagener-Salley
 5. Ridge Spring-Monetta
 6. Dixie and Timmonsville (tie)
 7. Green Sea-Floyds
 8. Branchville
 9. Hemingway
 10. Timmonsville
- Receiving votes: Williston-Elko, St. John's, Blackville-Hilda, Baptist Hill, Denmark-Olar, Fox Creek, Scott's Branch and Great Falls.

Voters: Chris Dearing, The State; Bret McCormick, The Herald; Lou Bezjak, The State; Travis Jenkins, Chester News Reporter; Jed Blackwell, Spartanburg Herald-Journal; Bob Castello, Greenville News; Chris Burgin, 100.1 The Fan; Eric Russell, Aiken Standard; Scott Chancey, Florence Morning News; Dennis Brunson, Sumter Item; Justin Jarrett, Lowcountry Sports; Chris Clark, Orangeburg Times and Democrat; David Roberts, Greenwood Index-Journal; David Shelton, Charleston Post and Courier; Lake Morris, Anderson Independent Mail.

PREP FOOTBALL

Players of the Week

The Sumter Item honors standouts from Week 1

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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In all of his years of playing football, Amonte' Brown had never returned an interception for a touchdown. That is until Friday.

So when Brown, a senior cornerback for Scott's Branch High School, returned an interception 17 yards for a touchdown in the Eagles' 27-13 victory over East Clarendon on Friday in Turbeville, it was a special moment. When Brown did it again later in the game, this time getting a Pick 6 from 22 yards out, it went to a totally different level.

"I'd never done it before, so when I got the first one, it was special," Brown said. "Then when I was able to get another one, it was just a great feeling."

Because of his performance, Brown was selected as *The Sumter Item* Defensive Player of the Week. Laurence Manning Academy running back/wide receiver Wyatt Rowland is the Offensive Player of the Week, while Sumter High offensive guard Kurt Lewis is the Offensive Lineman of the Week, and Sumter kicker Dyson Roberts is the Special Teams Player of the Week.



BROWN



ROWLAND



SMITH



ROBERTS



DANNY KELLY / THE SUMTER ITEM

Scott's Branch cornerback Amonte' Brown heads to the end zone with the second interception he returned for a touchdown in the Eagles' 27-13 victory over East Clarendon on Friday in Turbeville. Brown has been selected as The Sumter Item De-

Players are selected based on nominations from local high school coaches. Selections are made by *The Sumter Item*.

The quartet will be honored at the first weekly meeting of the 2018 season of the Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC on Friday. The meeting will be held at the 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.

A roundtable discussion with the local high school coaches will be the feature of this week's meeting.

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USC FOOTBALL

Carolina ready to hit another team

BY DANNY KELLY
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COLUMBIA -- University of South Carolina football head coach Will Muschamp is eager for his Gamecocks to take the field this year after a long summer.

"It's great to get the season started," Muschamp said at a press conference at Williams-Brice Stadium on Tuesday. "We made progress through training camp."

The Gamecocks will get to see just how much progress when they play host

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South Carolina defensive lineman Ulric Jones (93) leads the Gamecocks onto the field before their 2017 game against Wofford in Columbia. USC defeated the Terriers 31-10.

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Confident Clemson expecting a championship run in 2018



AP FILE PHOTO

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) was named the starter for the second-ranked Tigers in Saturday's season opener against Furman at Clemson's Memorial Stadium.

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney's got a different message with his Tigers this year.

"Think more of a 'Bring it on,' rather than 'We've got work to do.'"

With experience, depth and some of the best newcomers in the game, three-time Atlantic Coast Conference champion Clemson seems the biggest lock in college football for a fourth consecutive trip to the final four. So much so that even Swinney can't deny it.

"I feel great about this team. I love this team," Swinney said.



SWINNEY

"Last year was such a fun, different challenge for us. But this team, we've got all the ingredients. I think we've got talent. We've got experience. We've got depth. We've got character. We've got good leadership. So we have, I think, all of the things that it takes."

The Tigers, who were 12-2 last year, are certainly experienced. Defensive linemen in Christian Wilkins, Clelin Ferrell and Austin Bryant all passed up the NFL draft to play again in college. Throw in monster tackle Dexter Law-

rence — who says he's completely healthy from a toe issue that slowed him at times last year — and the Tigers might have the most fearsome front four in college football.

Behind them are veteran linebackers Kendall Joseph and Tre Lamar and dynamic safeties Tanner Muse and K'von Wallace.

The offense appears loaded, too. Left tackle Mitch Hyatt is back after considering the NFL to anchor the offensive line with veterans in center Justin Falcinelli and guard Sean Pollard. Sophomore Travis Etienne is bigger and faster

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PRO TENNIS

Djokovic turns to 'survival mode' to win at steamy US Open

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — His cheeks red, hair matted with sweat, Novak Djokovic appeared to be in such distress as he trudged to a changeover on a steamy U.S. Open afternoon that someone suggested it would be a good idea to have a trash can at the ready, just in case he lost his lunch.

Djokovic sat down and removed his shirt. He guzzled water from a plastic bottle. He placed one cold towel around his neck, a second across his lap and a third between his bare upper back and the seat.

He was not even 1 1/2 hours into his first match at Flushing Meadows in two years, and while Djokovic eventually would get past Marton Fucsovics 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 Tuesday, it was a bit of an ordeal.

"Survival mode," Djokovic called it.

With the temperature topping 95 degrees and the humidity approaching 50 percent — and that combination making it feel more like 105 — nearly everything became a struggle for every player across the grounds on Day 2 of the U.S. Open, so much so that no fewer than five quit their matches, with three citing cramps or heat exhaustion.

About 2 hours into the day's schedule, the U.S. Tennis Association decided to do something it never had at this tournament: offer men the chance



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Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, puts an ice towel to his face during a changeover in his match against Marton Fucsovics, of Hungary, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament on Tuesday in New York.

to take a 10-minute break before the fourth set if a match went that far. That is similar to the existing rule for women, which allows for 10 minutes of rest before a third set when there is excessive heat.

The whole thing raised several questions: Should the genders have the same rules moving forward? Should the U.S. Open avoid having matches during the hottest part of the day, not just for the players' sake but also to help spectators? Should the men play best-of-three-set matches at majors, instead of best-of-five? Should the 25-second serve clock, making its Grand Slam

debut here, be shut off to let players have more time to recover between points?

"At the end of the day, the ATP or a lot of the supervisors, they're kind of sitting in their offices, where (there's) an A.C. system on, where it's cool. And we have to be out there. They tell us it's fine; they're not the ones playing," said No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev, who won in straight sets in the early evening, when it was far less harsh. "For sure, the rule should be more strict. There should be a certain temperature, certain conditions where we shouldn't be playing."

How bad was it out there at its worst Tuesday?

"Bloody hot," said two-time major semifinalist Johanna Konta, who lost 6-2, 6-2 to No. 6 Caroline Garcia.

"Brutal," said 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic, who advanced when his opponent retired in the third set.

"Really not easy," said three-time Grand Slam title winner Angelique Kerber, who defeated Margarita Gasparyan 7-6 (5), 6-3.

"Terrible. It's awful out there," said Tennys Sandgren, an American who won in straight sets and will face Djokovic in the second round. "I don't know how guys are hanging in there. I was thinking in the third set, like, 'It's getting really bad. I just don't know how long I have to play out there.' And I think everybody kind of feels similarly."

Djokovic certainly did. "Everything is boiling — in your body, the brain, everything," said Djokovic, who's won two of his 13 Grand Slam titles in New York but sat out last year's U.S. Open because of an injured right elbow.

He is a popular pick to hoist the trophy again, coming off a Wimbledon title in July and a victory over Roger Federer in the final of the hard-court Cincinnati Masters in August. Federer was among those lucky enough to play a night match Tuesday, facing Yoshihito Nishioka of Japan.

Djokovic was appreciative

of the chance for a chance to recover a bit after the third set. He even took about a minute for a quick ice bath — as did Fucsovics, nearby.

"Naked in the ice baths, next to each other," Djokovic said. "It was quite a magnificent feeling, I must say."

Because action began at 11 a.m., and the USTA implemented the heat rule for men at about 1 p.m., those playing in the earliest matches weren't able to get that sort of relief.

That included Italy's Stefano Travaglia, who quit in the fourth set of his match after feeling dizzy and cramps. Afterward, he said, he could barely walk.

"My head was spinning. ... I didn't have any energy. I saw four balls when I swung. It was a terrible feeling. I couldn't stay on court," he said. "There was no sense in continuing. Things probably would have gotten worse. I probably would have hurt myself."

Travaglia also thought it wasn't fair that the USTA's decision to offer the 10-minute breaks came too late for him.

"We all should play with the same rules in this sport. Unfortunately, they don't ask (players) anything, and they decide," he said. "If they're going to have a break, they need to say so in the morning, before matches begin — not after I almost was going to pass out because my blood pressure was so low."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
Noon — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from New York (ESPN).
2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs or Oakland at Houston (MLB NETWORK).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Playoff Second Leg Match — SL Benfica vs. PAOK FC (TNT).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: With Anticipation Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle at San Diego (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from New York (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees or Washington at Philadelphia (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona at San Francisco or Los Angeles Dodgers at Texas (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	42	.682	—
New York	83	48	.634	6½
Tampa Bay	70	61	.534	19½
Toronto	60	71	.458	29½
Baltimore	38	94	.288	52

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	74	56	.569	—
Minnesota	61	69	.469	13
Detroit	53	78	.405	21½
Chicago	52	79	.397	22½
Kansas City	40	91	.305	34½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	81	50	.618	—
Oakland	79	53	.598	2½
Seattle	74	57	.565	7
Los Angeles	64	68	.485	17½
Texas	58	74	.439	23½

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Baltimore 7, Toronto 0
 Chicago White Sox 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Houston 11, Oakland 4
 L.A. Angels 10, Colorado 7

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Miami at Boston, 7:10 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.
 Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Oakland (Cahill 5-3) at Houston (Keuchel 10-10), 2:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Fulmer 3-9) at Kansas City (Duffy 7-11), 2:15 p.m.
 Seattle (Ramirez 1-2) at San Diego (Lucchesi 6-7), 3:40 p.m.
 Miami (Richards 3-7) at Boston (Price 14-6), 6:35 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Borucki 3-3) at Baltimore (Cobb 4-15), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Stewart 0-1) at Cleveland (Plutko 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Castillo 3-2) at Atlanta (Newcomb 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Wood 7-6) at Texas (Minor 10-6), 8:05 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Boston at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	57	.562	—
Philadelphia	70	61	.534	3½
Washington	66	66	.500	8
New York	58	73	.443	15½
Miami	53	79	.402	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	77	53	.592	—
St. Louis	73	58	.557	4½
Milwaukee	73	59	.553	5
Pittsburgh	64	67	.489	13½
Cincinnati	56	75	.427	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	72	59	.550	—
Colorado	71	60	.542	1
Los Angeles	70	61	.534	2
San Francisco	66	67	.496	7
San Diego	50	83	.376	23

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Washington 5, Philadelphia 3
 Chicago Cubs 7, N.Y. Mets 4
 L.A. Angels 10, Colorado 7
 San Francisco 2, Arizona 0

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Miami at Boston, 7:10 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.
 N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Mets (Vargas 4-8) at Chicago Cubs (Mills 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
 Seattle (Ramirez 1-2) at San Diego (Lucchesi 6-7), 3:40 p.m.
 Miami (Richards 3-7) at Boston (Price 14-6), 6:35 p.m.
 Washington (Gonzalez 7-11) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Peralta 6-4) at Cincinnati (Harvey 6-7), 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Castillo 3-2) at Atlanta (Newcomb 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Wood 7-6) at Texas (Minor 10-6), 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Williams 10-9) at St. Louis (Mikolas 13-3), 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona (Godley 13-7) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 6-1), 10:15 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
 Colorado at San Diego, 10:10 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
Miami	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

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'S GAMES
 Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 0

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 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'S GAMES
 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'S GAMES
 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.

TRANSACTIONS

TUESDAY

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned LHP Williams Jerez to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Taylor Cole from Salt Lake.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed LHP Brett Anderson on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Ryan Dull from Nashville (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with C Tyler Flowers on a contract extension through the 2020 season.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Acquired OF Jose Bautista from the New York Mets for a player to be named or cash. Designated RHP Mark Leiter Jr. for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Removed the interim tag from manager Mike Shildt.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Selected the contract of INF Luis Urias from El Paso (PCL). Reinstated RHP Colten Brewer from the 10-day DL. Placed LHP Richard on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday, Aug. 25. Optioned INF Carlos Asuaje to El Paso.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived G Kobi Simmons.
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Named Teena Murray senior director of athlete health and performance, Mike Roncarati director of prevention and rehabilitation, Joe Resendez athletic trainer and Jesse Green performance analyst.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed RB D.J. Foster on injured reserve. Re-signed RB Darius Victor.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed CB Darious Hillary. Agreed to terms with DT Geno Atkins and DE Carlos Dunlap on contract extensions.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL Earl Watford. Waived WR Evan Berry, OL Kevin Bowen, DL Marcell Frazier, OL Geoff Gray and K Ross Martin. Released TE Julian Allen.

SPORTS ITEMS

Middle school football jamboree set for today

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.

PHILLIES GET BAUTISTA FROM METS, DESIGNATE LEITER JR.

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Phillies have acquired veteran slugger Jose Bautista from the New York Mets for a player to be named later or cash.

Bautista batted .196 with 11 homers and 42 RBIs for the Braves and Mets this season. The Phillies entered Tuesday night's game against Washington 3½ games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

A six-time All-Star for Toronto between 2010-2015, Bautista has 342 career homers. The right-handed hitter is expected to come off the bench for the Phillies.

Philadelphia has been active, acquiring infielder Asdrubal Cabrera and two-time All-Star catcher Wilson Ramos last month and first

HONORS FROM PAGE B1

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DEFENSE: AMONTE' BROWN SCOTT'S BRANCH

Brown only had two of the three interceptions returned for touchdowns by Scott's Branch. The other came from teammate Treyshawn Moore, who actually took the first one to the house.

So when Brown not only matched Moore, but then topped him, did he have anything to say to his teammate?

"You know I had to say a little something to him," Brown said with a laugh.

There was much more to Brown's game than just the pair of Pick 6s though. He also had three solo tackles, one assist, two tackles for loss and three pass breakups.

Eagles head coach Brian Smith was somewhat surprised by his secondary's performance based on what he had seen.

"We practiced pass plays all week long, and we really looked a little shaky," said Smith, whose squad had four picks for the game. "But in the game, Amonte' was in the right spot both times."

Brown jumped a route on a pass to an EC running back in the flat for the first score. On the second one, the throw was a little high, and Brown grabbed it and went into the end zone.

OFFENSE: WYATT ROWLAND LAURENCE MANNING

Rowland is being moved around in the Laurence Manning offense, lining up in the backfield at times as well as out wide as a receiver at other times. Regardless of where the Swampcats coaching staff put him on Friday against Augusta Christian School, Rowland was highly productive.

Rowland carried the ball 11 times for 200 yards and two touchdowns and caught three passes for 128 yards and two more scores in LMA's 51-6 victory in Manning.

"Wherever coach puts me I'll work my hardest," Rowland said. "I don't really care where they put me. Wherever they put me that's where I want to be."

Whenever I got the ball the line did a great job blocking for me," he added. "The holes were opened up for me."

Laurence Manning head coach Robbie Briggs has nothing but praise for Rowland.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning Academy's Wyatt Rowland (22) runs over a defender enroute to the end zone during the Swampcats' 51-6 win over Augusta Christian on Friday in Manning. Rowland's 4-touchdown effort earned him Offensive Player of the Week honors.

"He's one of the top three kids I've ever coached as far as competitiveness," Briggs said. "He only weighs 160 (pounds), but he plays like he's 205. He just goes out there and gives you everything he has."

Rowland could have had a bigger game because he had an interception return for a touchdown and another scoring run called back due to penalties.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN: KURT LEWIS SUMTER

Lewis, who plays right guard on Sumter's vaunted line, has been playing through an injury the first two weeks of the season, according to SHS head coach Mark Barnes. You'd never know it by his performance so far.

Lewis graded out at 77 percent and had four knockdown blocks as the Gamecocks rolled up 350 yards of total offense in the first half of their 49-20 victory over Crestwood on Friday at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

"Kurt is our most physical performer on the offensive line," Barnes said of the quintet that includes Wofford commitment Tayvian Gass and Appalachian State commitment Zion Nelson, both offensive tackles. "He's been playing through a little injury, and that shows his toughness. He's played the best among them both games (a 33-23 victory over Rock Hill in the first game).

"He enjoys the battle. He plays hard every play."

Lewis feels he has improved his

game as he is in his second year as a starter.

"I feel like I've gotten a whole lot better," Lewis said. "My footwork and everything else has improved."

SPECIAL TEAMS: DYSON ROBERTS SUMTER

Roberts handled the punting chores for the Gamecocks last season, doing a good job in replacing All-American Pressley Harvin. With the graduation of Roman Childers, Roberts has taken over the placekicking and kickoff duties as well, and he had a tremendous performance against Crestwood.

Roberts averaged 46 yards on three punts, was 6-for-6 on extra-point attempts and delivered five of his seven kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks.

"I put in a lot of work to prepare myself," said Roberts, who has never kicked field goals or extra points before this season. "I started lifting weights to get my leg stronger. I was working out on my own (before spring practice), and I started noticing (the long distance strength) in spring practice."

Roberts booted a 42-yard field goal in the opener against Rock Hill.

Barnes said having someone who can punt and kick off the way Roberts did against Crestwood is invaluable.

"I've been blessed to have had some great punters and kickers over the years, and they can be as valuable as anyone you have," Barnes said. "To

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

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

have someone who can flip the field (with a punt) or to have someone who can make a team have to drive 80 yards to score (after starting at its 20-yard line following a touchback) is tremendous. Most high school teams aren't going to be able to drive 80 yards for a touchdown before making some sort of mistake."

POLLS FROM PAGE B1

Lakewood, which is 2-0, is getting votes in 4A, while 1-1 Manning is getting votes in the 3A poll. Those two teams play each other on Friday at Ramsey Stadium in Manning beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The other local team receiving votes is Scott's Branch in 1A. The Eagles are coming off a 27-13 triumph over 2A East Clarendon. Scott's Branch will play host to Bamberg-Ehrhardt, which is ranked fourth in the 2A poll on Friday.

Lee Central didn't get any votes for the first time this season in the 2A poll. The

Stallions will be playing host to Timmonsville, which is tied for sixth in the 1A poll, on Friday.

Dutch Fork, which knocked Spring Valley out of the poll with a 63-0 victory, remains the unanimous No. 1 in the 5A poll. The next four remain the same with Dorman, Gaffney, Fort Dorchester and T.L. Hanna.

There is a new No. 1 in 4A in Hartsville, which is a unanimous pick. Former No. 1 South Pointe, which lost to Rock Hill, is No. 2. Belton-Honea Path is third, Myrtle Beach is fourth and

Greer is fifth.

The top five remain the same in the 3A poll, led by unanimous No. 1 Dillon. Gilbert is second, Chester third, Chapman fourth and Strom Thurmond fifth.

The 2A poll is led by unanimous No. 1 Abbeville and the top five remains the same. Barnwell is second, Carvers Bay third, Bamberg-Ehrhardt fourth and Southside Christian fifth.

The only things that remained the same in the 1A poll were Lamar as the unanimous No. 1 and C.E. Murray at No. 2. Lake View is third, Wagener-Salley fourth and Ridge Spring-Monetta fifth.



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Jonathan Henry (26) hands the ball to the referee after scoring a touchdown in Friday's 49-20 victory over Crestwood at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

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Buffalo Bills running back LeSean McCoy (25) rushes against Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett (95) during the first half of their NFL preseason game in Cleveland. Whoever is under center will have McCoy in the backfield. Even at 30, he's expected to be a workhorse.

Still Patriots and then everyone else in AFC East

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Everyone's still chasing the New England Patriots in the AFC East.

Many of the faces change every year in Miami, Buffalo, New York — and even in Foxborough — but Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are constants in the division.

So are AFC East titles for the Patriots. They've won nine in a row, and 14 of the past 15. And, it certainly appears they're an excellent bet to add to that haul this season.

Not that Belichick is too comfortable with any of that.

"Each year is a new year, and each year has its own challenges," said the coach, whose 278 overall victories are third-most in NFL history. "Again, each year we all have to regain our — to the best we can — our ability to perform our jobs. That's what I'm trying to do. I think that's what all of the players, all of the coaches, we're all trying to do that."

The Patriots don't lack motivation. After all, they're coming off a Super Bowl loss to the Philadelphia Eagles and had an interesting offseason.

Brady sat out workouts, tight end Rob Gronkowski hinted at retirement and skipped voluntary workouts before rejoining his teammates, defensive coordinator Matt Patricia was hired as Detroit's coach, and wide receiver Julian Edelman was suspended four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancers.

Brady turned 41 on Aug. 3 and has shown no signs of slowing, although some wonder if this might be the year he finally regresses. Well, not those who are around the five-time Super Bowl champion.

"He's hands-down just remarkable, it's amazing," Gronkowski said. "At age 41, I mean, there's coaches younger than us, younger than him on the roster. He looks younger than the coaches, he looks younger than everyone. The way he's moving, how just reliable he is at all times is just unbelievable and something to look up to."

Here are a few other things to know about the AFC East:

BRADY'S BUNCH

One of the biggest questions for New England heading into the season is who'll catch on in the passing game.

Gone are Danny Amendola, Brandin Cooks, Malcolm Mitchell and Kenny Britt, Eric Decker retired just a few weeks after joining the Patriots, Jordan Matthews was released early in camp and Edelman is out the first four games.

Chris Hogan, Phillip Dorsett and newcomer Cordarrelle Patterson figure to be the primary options among wide receivers — unless the Patriots add someone before the start of the regular season.

Still, Gronkowski will once again be Brady's main man, and rookie running back Sony Michel could see lots of passes his way once he's healthy from a knee issue.

"You've got to go out there and show it on the practice field," Brady said, "so that we can all gain trust in each other."

RYAN'S HOPE

Ryan Tannehill is back under center for Miami after being sidelined since December 2016 because of two injuries to his left knee.

The Dolphins are banking on him having a big-time comeback, or at least be better than Jay Cutler was last season while filling in. But Tannehill's durability is a concern, and if he goes down again, Brock Osweiler and David Fales are the fallback options.

Some good news, though: The offensive line, anchored by veteran newcomer Josh Sitton, could be the best Tannehill has played behind. The Dolphins also added Amendola, Albert Wilson, Frank Gore and rookie Mike Gesicki at the skill positions, which should add some playmaking options — especially with DeVante Parker uncertain to be ready for the start of the season because of a broken finger.

"It's a lot of fun," Tannehill said. "With so many playmakers, it's just a matter of getting the ball in their hands and letting them go to work."

SLING IT AGAIN, SAM

The Jets traded up three spots to get to No. 3 in the draft, hoping to get a potential franchise quarterback. After Cleveland took Baker Mayfield and the Giants went with running back Saquon Barkley, Sam Darnold fell right into New York's lap — getting the guy it wanted all along.

The 21-year-old Darnold was given every opportunity to win the starting job in a three-way competition with Josh McCown and Teddy Bridgewater, and the rookie did nothing but impress the coaching staff this summer. The former USC star is the future of the franchise — and that could mean right now.

"He's everything that you're looking for in a young quarterback," offensive coordinator Jeremy Bates said, "as far as the ability to go out there and the game is not too big for him."

WHO'S IN THE HUDDLE?

The Bills traded Tyrod Taylor to Cleveland in the offseason, then traded up five spots to draft Josh Allen with the seventh pick.

The strong-armed former Wyoming star is raw and remains a work in progress, displayed in a shaky start against Cincinnati in the third preseason game. Playing behind a patchwork offensive line didn't help, but Buffalo might have to open the season with the rookie watching from the sideline.

Newcomer AJ McCarron and returning backup Nathan Peterman could be the starter when the Bills — who snapped a 17-year playoff drought — open at Baltimore on Sept. 9.

Whoever is under center will have LeSean McCoy in the backfield. Even at 30, he's expected to be a workhorse. A hip/groin injury limited him in the preseason, but he's expected to be ready for the Ravens. Also, an off-field issue regarding his ex-girlfriend being hurt in a home invasion in July, hasn't been much of a distraction.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH:

Patriots, Dolphins, Jets, Bills.

PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles have tough task trying to repeat in NFC East

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Before they try to become the ninth team to repeat as Super Bowl champions, the Philadelphia Eagles will try to accomplish another tough task.

Winning consecutive NFC East titles is so difficult it hasn't happened since the Eagles did it four straight seasons from 2001-04. It's also been 13 years since the New England Patriots were the most recent team to win back-to-back championships.

On paper, the Eagles are deeper and stronger than the squad that beat Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and the Patriots 41-33 in February. Franchise quarterback Carson Wentz, nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters, playmaking linebacker Jordan Hicks and versatile running back Darren Sproles are returning from injuries that forced them to miss the playoffs.

They also have several new additions, including veteran defensive linemen Michael Bennett and Haloti Ngata, and rookie tight end Dallas Goedert.

But the favorites don't always come out on top and the road won't be easy for the Eagles in a competitive division.

"Our goal every year is to win the Super Bowl. I can't tell you how terrifically positioned I think we are," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "It's a tough, tough league. I don't think I've ever been more fired up for a season than we're about to undertake, but with a realization that we're also in the NFC. I compare it to the NBA West. There are many, many teams entering this season that I think can be in the Super Bowl. We have to try to collaborate and grind."

Standing in Philadelphia's way will be two-time Super Bowl champion Eli Manning and the revamped New York Giants, who added running back Saquon Barkley with the No. 2 overall pick in the draft. The Dallas Cowboys expect to have Ezekiel Elliott for a full season and are looking for Dak Prescott to return to his rookie form after a so-so second season. The Washington Redskins acquired a winning quarterback, Alex Smith, to lead the way.

Things to know about the NFC East:

DOMINANT D

Wentz and a high-powered offense that won the Super Bowl with backup quarterback Nick Foles get much of the attention in Philly, but Jim Schwartz's defense was dominant last season and should be even bet-

ter. The front four led by Fletcher Cox and Brandon Graham is so deep that Bennett, Ngata and Chris Long are rotational players instead of starters. The Eagles also have plenty of depth in the secondary with Pro Bowl safety Malcolm Jenkins and cornerbacks Ronald Darby, Jalen Mills and Sidney Jones. If Hicks stays healthy, this unit should dominate again and make it easier for the offense, which may be missing Wentz for a few games.

OLD MAN ELI

Manning may be the oldest player on the Giants, but he has a new offense-minded head coach — Pat Shurmur — and a talented cast of skill players to make his job easier. Barkley bolsters the running attack and gives the offense more balance. He joins star receiver Odell Beckham Jr., Sterling Shepard and tight end Evan Engram. A defense that was stellar two years ago still has talent with safety Landon Collins, cornerback Janoris Jenkins, run stuffer Damon Harrison and end Olivier Vernon. If the offense lives up to expectations and the defense returns to form, the Giants could battle for the division.

DEPLETED COWBOYS

Jason Witten retired and Dez Bryant was released, leaving Prescott with fewer weapons. The career of 2016 All-Pro center Travis Frederick is uncertain because of an autoimmune condition, and four-time Pro Bowl guard Zack Martin injured his knee in the preseason, though it appears he'll be ready for Week 1. Elliott's success depends on an offensive line that's the best in the business when healthy. Meanwhile, the defense relies on linebacker Sean Lee. With him, they're solid, but he has a history of injuries. There's enough talent in Dallas for the Cowboys to stay in the mix.

ALL ABOUT WS

Smith is a winner wherever he goes. He was 69-31-1 as a starter for the 49ers and Chiefs since 2011, but only 2-5 in the playoffs. Kirk Cousins put up prolific numbers, but was 26-30-1 with a loss in his only playoff start. Losing rookie running back Derrius Guice hurt an offense lacking talent at the skill spots. Adrian Peterson is nearing the end of his career but has a shot to be a featured back once again. The Redskins will be tough on opponents but don't have enough pieces to contend.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH:

Eagles, Giants, Cowboys, Redskins.



AP FILE PHOTO

Washington Redskins quarterback Alex Smith (11) hands the ball off to running back Adrian Peterson during the first half of their Aug. 24 preseason game against the Denver Broncos in Landover, Maryland. The Redskins acquired Smith, a winner wherever he's played, after last season. Peterson has a shot to be a featured back once again.

PRO FOOTBALL

New Panthers owner Tepper putting his own stamp on organization

BY STEVE REED

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — A smiling David Tepper jogged down a small makeshift runway at a crowded gymnasium, crouching as he went to slap hands with wildly cheering elementary school children clad in blue Carolina Panthers T-shirts while music blared.

After finishing his short jog, the Panthers owner smiled back at the crowd and seemed to soak in the moment.

Tepper made his first charitable donation to the Carolinas on Tuesday through his foundation, giving away 12,000 new backpacks and



TEPPER

school supplies to 17 elementary schools across the Charlotte, North Carolina, area including those students at Thomasboro Academy.

"It's been great," said a smiling Tepper of his first seven weeks as owner.

The self-made multi-billionaire hedge fund owner is 60, but still remembers his days growing up in Pittsburgh in a lower-income household. His mother worked as a teacher at an inner city school, and he got to see firsthand how difficult it was for her to provide school supplies for her students.

TIGERS

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in the backfield while Tavi- en Feaster and Adam Choice there to back him up.

Kelly Bryant entered sum- mer as Clemson's No. 1 quarterback and earned the start for Saturday's opener, although he's getting pushed from five-star freshman Trevor Lawrence, who broke the Georgia high school marks for passing yards and TDs held by former Clemson All-American Deshaun Wat- son.

One area of concern be- fore the season opener with Furman on Sept. 1 is the re- ceiving corps. While Clem- son's group is packed with potential only national championship hero Hunter Renfrow has shown consis- tency.

But that's not nearly enough to dampen enthusi- asm for a big, big things this year at Clemson.

"I think we've come a long way, really. We've become a close team at this point," Swinney said. "We're very pleased with the morale and the chemistry that I've seen already."

Some other things to watch with Clemson this season:

WATSON REDO: It took Clemson three games in 2014 to hand the reins to freshman Deshaun Watson when starter Cole Stoudt stumbled. Swinney and his staff might not wait so long if Bryant can't get the Ti- gers going quickly. Law-

rence, the 6-foot-5 fresh- man, has a strong arm and looks to go downfield as much as Watson did during his three seasons with the Tigers.

MORE THAN FOUR: Clemson's defensive front is more than its four starters. The Tigers have recruited several top line prospects the past couple of years who are itching to make their mark as quickly as possible. Albert Huggins is a 305- pound senior who had five tackles for loss last year. Nyles Pinckney, Chris Register and Logan Rudolph (brother of Pittsburgh Steel- ers QB Mason Rudolph) could start for most other programs. And Clemson brought in freshmen Xavier Thomas and K.J. Henry, both who were top 10 pros- pects at their positions.

DEEP RECEIVERS: The biggest difference with Clemson last year was its lack of a long-ball threat among receivers. Clemson coaches believe that will change this season as some of its more recent recruits mature. Tee Higgins and Amari Rodgers are sopho- mores while freshman Justyn Ross was one of the top prospects in the country. Clemson is also hoping vet- erans who have not broken through yet like senior Trev- ion Thompson and juniors Diondre Overton and Cor- nell Powell get it going. Of course, there's old reliable Hunter Renfrow (he led Clemson with 60 receptions last year) back for a final season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

EAST
Bowie St. at Wagner, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Delaware, 7 p.m.
New Hampshire at Maine, 7 p.m.
UCF at UConn, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Chowan at Campbell, 7 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga, 7 p.m.
Morehead St. at E. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Kennesaw St. at Georgia St., 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Murray St., 7 p.m.
Shorter at Samford, 7:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Louisiana-Monroe, 8 p.m.
Wake Forest at Tulane, 8 p.m.
Savannah St. at UAB, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
CCSU at Ball St., 7 p.m.
Quincy at Indiana St., 7 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
MVSU at North Dakota, 7:30 p.m.
Northwestern at Purdue, 8 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Missouri St. at Oklahoma St., 8 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Texas A&M, 8:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
Weber St. at Utah, 8 p.m.
W. Illinois at Montana St., 9 p.m.
UC Davis at San Jose St., 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

SOUTH
Army at Duke, 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Syracuse at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at E. Michigan, 6:30 p.m.
Utah St. at Michigan St., 7 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Wisconsin, 9 p.m.
FAR WEST
Western St. (Col.) at Idaho St., 8:35 p.m.
Portland St. at Nevada, 9 p.m.
San Diego St. at Stanford, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Colorado St., 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

EAST
Texas St. at Rutgers, Noon
Villanova at Temple, Noon
St. Francis (Pa.) at Lehigh, 12:30 p.m.
UMass at Boston College, 1 p.m.
Holy Cross at Colgate, 1 p.m.
Georgetown at Marist, 1 p.m.
Lock Haven at Duquesne, 2 p.m.
New Haven at Bryant, 3 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Penn St., 3:30 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.
William & Mary at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Delaware St. at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Lafayette at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Texas vs. Maryland at Landover, Md., Noon
James Madison at NC State, Noon
Coastal Carolina at South Carolina, Noon
Furman at Clemson, 12:20 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Georgia Tech, 12:30 p.m.
St. Augustine's at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Washington vs. Auburn at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at Georgia, 3:30 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Kentucky, 3:30 p.m.
Tennessee vs. West Virginia at Char- lotte, N.C., 3:30 p.m.
Fort Valley St. at Florida A&M, 5 p.m.
Tuskegee at Alabama St., 6 p.m.
Fordham at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
NC A&T at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
Limestone at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
SC State at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
Shaw at Hampton, 6 p.m.
Old Dominion at Liberty, 6 p.m.
Virginia St. at Norfolk St., 6 p.m.
Elon at South Florida, 6 p.m.
Boise St. at Troy, 6 p.m.
Richmond at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Newberry at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
The Citadel at Wofford, 6 p.m.
Miles at Alabama A&M, 7 p.m.
Brevard at Davidson, 7 p.m.
Indiana at FIU, 7 p.m.
Grambling St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
Mercer at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Towson at Morgan St., 7 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at South Alabama, 7 p.m.
Jackson St. at Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. Tennessee St., 7 p.m.
Point (Ga.) at Stetson, 7 p.m.
Mars Hill at ETSU, 7:30 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Mississippi St., 7:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt, 7:30 p.m.
Alabama vs. Louisville at Orlando, Fla., 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
Kent St. at Illinois, Noon
Oregon St. at Ohio St., Noon
Robert Morris at Dayton, 1 p.m.
Howard at Ohio, 2 p.m.
Butler at Youngstown St., 2 p.m.
N. Illinois at Iowa, 3:30 p.m.
Marshall at Miami (Ohio), 3:30 p.m.
Cal Poly at N. Dakota St., 3:30 p.m.
UT Martin at Missouri, 4 p.m.
William Jewell at Drake, 7 p.m.
Nicholls at Kansas, 7 p.m.
VMI at Toledo, 7 p.m.

South Dakota at Kansas St., 7:10 p.m.
St. Xavier at Illinois St., 7:30 p.m.
Michigan at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at Iowa St., 8 p.m.
Akron at Nebraska, 8 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
FAU at Oklahoma, Noon
Houston at Rice, Noon
Southern U. at TCU, Noon
Mississippi vs. Texas Tech at Hous- ton, Noon
E. Illinois at Arkansas, 4 p.m.
Morehouse at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at Arkansas St., 7 p.m.
SW Baptist at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.
Kentucky Christian at Lamar, 7 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
SMU at North Texas, 7:30 p.m.
N. Arizona at UTEP, 7:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Baylor, 8 p.m.
Texas-Permian Basin at Texas South- ern, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Stony Brook at Air Force, 2 p.m.
Washington St. at Wyoming, 3:30 p.m.
North Carolina at California, 4 p.m.
UNLV at Southern Cal, 4 p.m.
Cent. Washington at E. Washington, 4:05 p.m.
McNeese St. at N. Colorado, 4:05 p.m.
W. New Mexico at San Diego, 5 p.m.
Cincinnati at UCLA, 7 p.m.
Incarnate Word at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Bowling Green at Oregon, 8 p.m.
North Alabama at S. Utah, 8 p.m.
N. Iowa at Montana, 9 p.m.
St. Francis (Ill.) at Sacramento St., 9 p.m.
Idaho at Fresno St., 10 p.m.
UTSA at Arizona St., 10:30 p.m.
BYU at Arizona, 10:45 p.m.
Navy at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

SOUTH
Prairie View at NC Central, Noon
SOUTHWEST
LSU vs. Miami at Arlington, Texas, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

SOUTH
Virginia Tech at Florida St., 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

EAST
Duquesne at UMass, 5:30 p.m.
SOUTH
NC A&T at Jacksonville St., 7 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Prairie View at Rice, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Hawaii at Colorado St., 7:30 p.m.
Wyoming at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.

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to the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers on Saturday in both teams' season opener. Kickoff is scheduled for noon.

"We're well prepared for Saturday," Muschamp said.

The Gamecocks will be taking on a Coastal squad that has its head coach, Joe Moglia, back after he took a medi- cal leave of absence last season due to intense lung inflammation. This will be Moglia's first year coaching the Chanticleers as a Football Bowl Subdi- vision school since he missed out on the team's first year in the Sun Belt Conference last year. Then-newly- hired offensive coordinator Jamey Chadwell took over as interim head coach while Moglia was away.

Muschamp said his players are ready for the season to begin.

"They're tired of hitting each other," said Muschamp, whose team is coming off a surprising 9-4 season. "Training camp is repetitive. They're all looking forward to (the season)."

The Gamecocks will have a textbook running back-by-committee situation this season.

"All four running backs deserve to play," Muschamp said. "They've earned the opportunity."

These running backs include junior Mon Denson – 41 carries for 152 yards for two touchdowns last season— junior Rico Dowdle – third on the team in rushing last year with 251 yards on 66 carries in eight games – junior A.J. Turner – last year's leading rusher with 531 yards on 98 carries (5.4 yards per rush) and three touchdowns – and former Crestwood High School stand- out junior Ty'Son Williams – second on the team in rushing last season with 471 yards on 95 carries and a touchdown.

Overall, Muschamp feels good about his offense.

"(Jake) Bentley had a 65 to 68 per- cent completion percentage in team drills during camp", he said when asked about Bentley and his receivers' chemistry. "Our running backs also catch the ball well. I like the progress we've made throwing the football."

The Gamecocks look to run an up- tempo offense this season.

"We have to dictate the tempo and have the mentality of a play caller," Muschamp said. "When we step on the field, we're expected to play at a high level."

Muschamp said he did not yet know his depth charts on both lines of scrimmage.

"It's about who finishes the game,

not starts the game," he said.

He said the team expects to play four different tight ends.

On the defensive side of the ball, Muschamp has his eye on a few key players.

"(Defensive lineman) Shameik (Blackshear) has changed his body and gotten stronger and (defensive back) Jaycee Horn is a ball hawk," he said. "(Defensive back) J.T. (Ibe) has been cleared and has done a fantastic job, and (defensive linemen) Keir (Thomas) and Javon (Kinlaw) have done a good job rushing the ball. Now they just need to do it on gamed ay."

Muschamp wants the team to focus on the task at hand.

"Every week is a season," he said of the team's motto for this season. "I want everyone to dial in."

Muschamp also wants the team to adopt to his "all gas, no breaks" men- tality.

"(I came up with it) in the offsea- son," he said. "It's about pushing the envelope and not holding up for any- thing."

Muschamp hopes his young players aren't intimidated by the big stage.

"You never know how a guy is going to react in front of 80,000 people," he said.

However, he is confident in the hard

work the team has put in in the offsea- son.

"We've put this team in a situation to be successful," he said.

Unfortunately, the Gamecocks will not be completely healthy for Satur- day. Offensive lineman Wyatt Camp- bell is about a month away from coming back from a knee injury and wide receiver Chad Terrell is not ex- pected to be back until later in Sep- tember after suffering a torn anteri- or cruciate ligament against Tennes- see last season. Also with an ACL in- jury, running back Lavonte Valen- tine is about a week away from re- turning, and backup wide receiver and special teams player Chavis Dawkins is doubtful with a high ankle sprain.

Most notably for those from in Sum- ter, Tyreek Johnson, a standout defen- sive lineman from Lakewood High will miss the entire season with a torn ACL.

Also, Javon Charleston is suspended for getting arrested on assault and burglary charges back on June 17.

On an even worse note, defensive back Tavyn Jackson has retired from football due to a sickle cell disorder.

"It's unfortunate," Muschamp said of Jackson's condition. "But he will be successful in whatever he does."

OBITUARIES

HELEN SYLVIA C. SEYMOUR

BISHOPVILLE — Helen Sylvia Corless Seymour, age 82, beloved wife of the late Howard Benson Seymour,

died on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Valdo- sta, Georgia, she was a daughter of the late Bird- sell and Helen Cheeseman Cor-

less. Sylvia was a retired edu- cator. She wrote and pub- lished several children's books. She was actively in- volved with both First Baptist Church of Bishopville and The Jericho Project of Bish- opville. She was an Awana leader and taught Sunday school. Her favorite role was as a beloved "Nana" to her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Kyle Seymour and his wife, Diane, of Northbrook, Illinois, and Mark Seymour and his wife, Debbie, of Bish- opville; four siblings, Sandra Cusack and her husband, Bruce, of Summerville, Lee Corless and his wife, Linda, of Port Orange, Florida, Hugh Corless and his wife, Tania, of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and Dave Corless and his wife, Kathy, of Sum- merville; one sister-in-law, Claudette Seymour Easter- ling and her husband, Jim, of

Hartsville; and seven grand- children, Daniel Seymour, Isaac Seymour and his wife, Lindsay, Kimberly Seymour, Kathryn Seymour, Hannah Seymour, AJ Seymour and Joel Seymour.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by both a brother, Wayne Corless, and a sister- in-law, Betty.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at First Baptist Church of Bish- opville.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jericho Project, [https:// onrealm.org/JP/Give](https://onrealm.org/JP/Give)

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

The family has chosen Bull- ock Funeral Home for the ar- rangements.



ERNEST NELSON

MANNING — Ernest Nel- son, 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



NELSON

late James and Emily Hampton Nelson.

Funeral ser- vices for Mr. Nelson will be held at noon on Thursday at An- tioch UME

Church, Rimini, with the Rev. Cheryl Gadsden, pastor, officiating, Presiding Elder James O. Robinson presid- ing. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister-in-law, Gladys Nel- son, 2988 Chewing Road,

Pinewood.

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

LATOSHA DENISE MCCALL

Latosha Denise McCall, 37, died on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, at her home in Sumter.

Born on March 9, 1981, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Law- rence and Deloris McCall Coard.

The family is receiving rela- tives and friends at the home, 16 Franklin St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be an-

nounced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

ALLISON BILLUPS

MANNING — Allison Bil- lups, 32, died on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Flor- ence.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1985, in Manning, a daughter of John and Osetta Billups McBride.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 1054 Celloissia Road, Manning.

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A public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Authority's training center, 17 Caldwell Street at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

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FTC Communications Inc. is proposing to construct a 300-ft. lattice monopole PCS tower on tax map parcel 314-00-02-010 located approx. 1,600 ft. southeast of the intersection of U.S. 76378 and Brewington Road (S43-35) in Sumter, Sumter County. Comments will be received by FTC Communications, LLC at 1101 East Main St., Kingstree, SC 29556, Attn: Jonathan Tesenair, until September 5, 2018.

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Summons & Notice

Summons and Notice Publication
Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY

(Plaintiff)
Vs.
Kristen Benenhaley Donte Carroll John Doe (Defendants)

IN THE INTEREST OF
Minor Child Born on July 17, 2017

TO DEFENDANTS:
Kristen Benenhaley Donte Carroll John Doe

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
And required to answer the complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor child above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for James C. Campbell County, on May 15, 2018 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Steven B. Suchomski, 105 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for October 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Steven B. Suchomski, Esquire P.O. Box 68 Sumter, SC 29151 (803) 773-5531 Ext 214

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SUMMONS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2018-CP-43-00562

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Estate of Maggie Ellison, Plaintiff,

v.
"John Doe" as a Class designating any and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint, or any claim adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on title thereto and "Richard Roe" as Class designating any infant, defendants or person under disability. Defendants.

TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscribed, 35 South Sumter Street, Post Office Box 370, Sumter, South Carolina 29151, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY ACTION (Lis Pendens)

TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

An action has been commenced and is pending in this Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendants seeking to confirm the Plaintiff's fee simple title to the following described properties:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvement thereon, if any situate, lying and being in the Township of Sumter, County, State of South Carolina, being shown on that certain plat prepared for Clarence McGhaney, by Julian B. Allen, RLS, dated July 29, 1992, and recorded in the Office of the Registered of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 92 at Page 1723, and having such metes and bounds as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

This is the property known as **820 Bay Springs Drive, Sumter, South Carolina.** Tax Map Number: 207-01-06-005.

This being the same property conveyed fee simple to Maggie M. Ellison by Deed from Clarence McGhaney, Clarence McGhaney, Jr., Parrish McGhaney, Thais McGhaney, Bertha McGhaney, Brenda Smitherman, and Devotha Anderson dated May 27, 1998 and recorded on May 27, 1998 at 2:08pm in the Registers of Deeds Office for Sumter County in Volume 706 at Page 1376

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

This matter is before me upon application of J. David Weeks, attorney for the Plaintiff. He has requested the appointment of Calvin Hastie, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants, nonresident and defendant, if any there be who may be minors or under other legal disability.

It appears that the names and addresses of such Defendants or other persons under legal disability, if any there be, whether resident or nonresident, are unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. I am familiar with Mr. Hastie and am satisfied that he is a suitable and competent person

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to be appointed to represent and protect the interests of the minor Defendants and such others of them as may be under legal disability, if any there be, who has no interest in this proceeding adverse to those of such Defendants and is not connected in business with Plaintiff or his counsel.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That Calvin Hastie, Esquire, be and he is hereby, designated and appointed Guardian Ad

Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants.

That Mr. Hastie's Nisi appointment shall be confirmed and made absolute in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or on behalf of, such Defendants within thirty (30) days after notice of the Nisi appointment is served on them.

In effecting service of the nisi appointment, the Plaintiff shall publish with the Summons, a notice reporting Mr. Hastie's appointment as the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, the date when his appointment becomes absolute, and the office in which this order is filed. Publication of such notices shall be made in "The Item", a newspaper of general circulation which is most likely to give notice to the unknown Defendants, if any there be. The notice shall be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks.

WEEKS LAW OFFICE, LLC
J. David Weeks, Esquire Attorney for the Plaintiff Post Office Box 370 35 South Sumter Street Sumter, South Carolina 29151 (803) 775-5856

Summons and Notice Publication
Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY

(Plaintiff)
Vs.

Tiffany Brown David Mack Shardea Williams John Doe (Defendants)

IN THE INTEREST OF
Minor Child Born on December 16, 2008
Minor Child Born on April 19, 2012

TO DEFENDANTS:
Tiffany Brown David Mack Shardea Williams John Doe

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

And required to answer the complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor child above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for James C. Campbell County, on April 18, 2018 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Steven B. Suchomski, 105 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for September 13, 2018 at 9:00AM

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Do kids who **grow** kale **eat** kale?

Effectiveness of school gardens is questioned

BY GARRETT M. BROAD
Fordham University

It's back-to-school time in the United States, and for countless children across the nation, it's also time to get back into the school garden.

For centuries, educators and philosophers have argued that garden-based learning improves children's intelligence and boosts their personal health. In recent years, concerns related to childhood obesity and young people's disconnection from nature have led to a revitalized interest in the topic.

Tens of thousands of American schools have some form of school garden. Many are located on school grounds, and others are run by external community partners. Most are connected to the school's curriculum.

As a researcher and an activist, I've spent the better part of the last decade working to promote a healthy, equitable and sustainable food system. Through this process, I have heard bold claims made about the power of garden-based learning to meet these challenges.

Given the enthusiasm that surrounds garden-based learning today, it's worth taking stock of their overall impacts: Do school gardens actually improve the education and health of young people?

Promoting school gardens

Nonprofit and grassroots groups, who see these gardens as a way to provide fresh produce for the food insecure, have forged partnerships with local schools. Then there are service-based groups, such as FoodCorps, whose members spend one year in a low-income community to help establish gardens and develop other school food initiatives.

Philanthropic organizations like the American Heart Association have also sponsored the construction of hundreds of new school garden plots.

Taken together, upwards of 25 percent of public elementary schools in the United States include some form of garden-based learning.

Advocates argue that gardening helps kids make healthier eating choices. As the self-proclaimed "Gangsta Gardener" Ron Finley put it in his popular TED Talk, "If kids grow kale, kids eat kale."

Sure, gardens can help

There is plenty of anecdotal evidence to suggest that garden-based learning does yield educational, nutritional, ecological and social benefits.

For example, several published studies have shown that



Do school gardens really improve the education and health of young people?

garden-based learning can increase students' science knowledge and healthy food behaviors. Other research has shown that garden-based learning can help students better identify different types of vegetables as well as lead to more favorable opinions on eating vegetables.

In general, qualitative case studies of garden-based learning have been encouraging, providing narratives of life-changing experiences for children and teachers alike.

However, when it comes to actually increasing the amount of fresh foods eaten by young people, improving their health outcomes or shaping their overall environmental attitudes, quantitative results have tended to show modest gains at best. Some of the most highly developed school garden programs have been able to increase student vegetable consumption by about a serving per day. But the research has not been able to show whether these gains are maintained over time.

A lack of definitive evidence has led some critics to argue that school gardens are simply not worth the time and investment, especially for lower-income students who could be concentrating on more traditional college prep studies. The social critic Caitlin Flanagan has gone so far as to say that garden programs are a distraction that could create a "permanent, uneducated underclass."

There are no magic carrots

There is no doubt that the power of garden-based learning is sometimes overstated.

Particularly when describing garden projects in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color, popular narratives imply that a child's time in the garden will rescue her from a life of poverty and chronic disease.

I call this the "magic carrot" approach to garden-based learning. But as we all know, there are no magic carrots growing in

the school garden.

Gardens alone will not eliminate health disparities, close the educational achievement gap, fix unemployment or solve environmental injustice.

When is a garden successful?

For gardens to effectively promote learning and health, they must be supported and reinforced by the community as a whole. Surveys of school garden practitioners show that garden programs have serious potential to enhance school and neighborhood life — but only if certain conditions are met.

School gardens are most successful when they are not held afloat by a single dedicated teacher. Instead, multiple involved stakeholders can ensure that a garden doesn't dry up after only a season or two. For example, participation from administrators, families and neighborhood partners can turn a school garden into a dynamic and sustainable community hub.

Many experienced practitioners have also shown that garden-based learning is more powerful when its curriculum reflects the cultural backgrounds of the young people it serves. When children of Mexican descent grow indigenous varieties of corn, or when black youth cultivate collard greens, the process of growing food can become a process of self-discovery and cultural celebration.

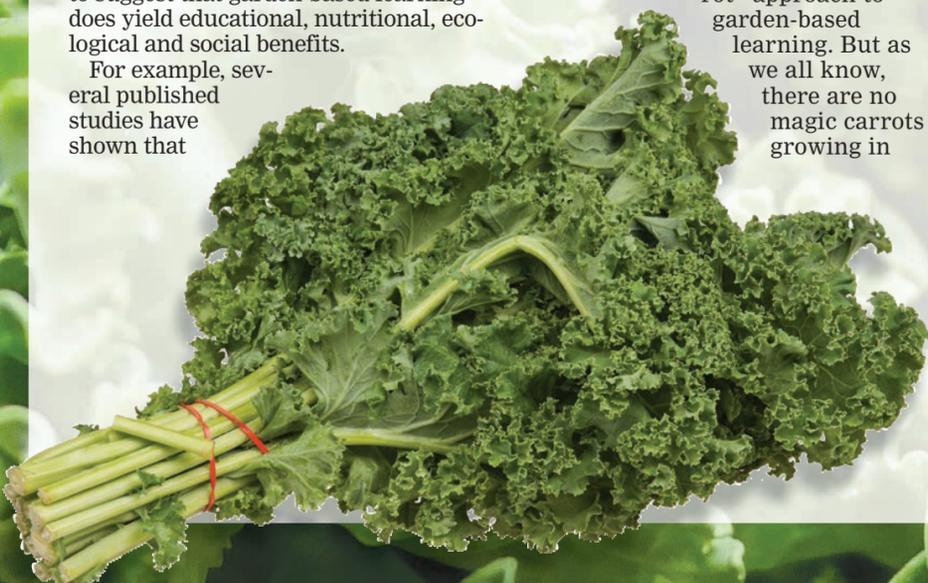
In other words, if kids grow kale, they might eat kale, but only if kale is available in their neighborhood, if their family can afford to buy kale and if they think eating kale is relevant to their culture and lifestyle.

Creating valuable green space

As my own research has highlighted, there are organizations and schools across the country that incorporate garden-based learning into broader movements for social, environmental and food justice.

These groups recognize that school gardens alone will not magically fix the problems our nation faces. But as part of a long-term movement to improve community health, school gardens can provide a platform for experiential education, create valuable green space and foster a sense of empowerment in the minds and bodies of young Americans.

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Results 3" (N) (Live)	World of Dance "The Cut 2" Guest judges Mel B and Paula Abdul. (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Jennifer Lopez; Janet Jackson.	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother House guests vie for the power of veto. (N)	SEAL Team "Takedown" Ray goes under cover to do a money swap.	Criminal Minds "Annihilator" Roommates in St. Louis are murdered. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Hugh Grant; Margaret Hoover.		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Shopping Spree"	Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament: Week 1"	The Goldbergs "Adam Spielberg" (DVS)	American Housewife "Field Day" (DVS)	Modern Family Mitch and Cam go on a yoga retreat.	(:31) American Housewife (DVS)	Shark Tank A life jacket; an infant pacifier. (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley Martinique's culture and history.	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan Carolina rice fields.	Nature "India's Wandering Lions" Wild lions live close to villagers. (DVS)	Ancient Invisible Cities "Athens" (Series Premiere) Uncovering the hidden secrets of Athens. (N)	NOVA "The Origami Revolution" The art of origami.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Nature Wild lions live close to villagers. (DVS)	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Intimacy Acceleration"	The Big Bang Theory "The Intimacy Acceleration"	MasterChef "American Heroes; Waste Not Want Not" The chefs cook for firefighters.	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Pilot"	Last Man Standing The family baby-proofs the house.	Burden of Truth "The Ties That Bind" Joanna faces questions about her family. (DVS)	Supergirl "Damage" Lena is blamed for children's sickness.	Dateline "Burning Suspicion" A man claims his wife killed herself.	Dateline "Nightfall" A woman's body is found miles from home.	The Game Brittany's pre-prom party.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	130	Hoarders "Adella; Teri" Widow hoarder gets help from daughters.	Born This Way "One Small Step" Kris and Laurie struggle to let go. (N)	Born This Way "Joyride" John and Steven get behind the wheel. (N)	(:01) Raising Tourette's Colton gets ready for his big night out. (N)	(:04) Born This Way "Home Alone" Megan and Rachel make the big move.	(12:03) Born This Way			
AMC	48	180	180	*** "The Goonies" (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.	*** "Uncle Buck" (1989, Comedy) John Candy, Amy Madigan, Jean Louisa Kelly. An easygoing relative takes care of three children.	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out Shaquille O'Neal's sky-high request. (N)	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out "Musician Hideouts"					
ANPL	41	100	100	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out Channeling the Vikings for inspiration.	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out "Mechanic and an attorney share an unexpected romance."	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba, Louis Gossett Jr. A poor man must keep the peace through family strife.						
BET	61	162	162	(5:00) * "Obsessed" (2009)	(:25) ** "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba, Louis Gossett Jr. A poor man must keep the peace through family strife.	The Real Housewives of Dallas Kameron invites everyone to Colorado. (N)	The Real Housewives of Dallas Kameron Dorinda defends herself.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Dallas Kameron invites everyone to Colorado.			
BRAVO	47	181	181	The Real Housewives of New York City The women gather to relive fun times.	The Real Housewives of New York City Dorinda defends herself. (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank A high-tech shoe insole.	The Car Chasers			
CNBC	35	84	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper		
CNN	3	80	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	South Park "Marjorine"	South Park "The List"	South Park "Chef Goes Nanners"	South Park "The Black Friday Trilogy" Animated. The "Game of Thrones" conclusion.			
COM	57	136	136	(6:50) South Park	(:25) South Park "The Cissy"	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd		
DISN	18	200	200	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home (Part 1 of 2)	Raven's Home (Part 2 of 2)	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown			
DSC	42	103	103	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown "Nazi Gold Train"	(:01) Expedition Unknown	(:02) Expedition Unknown	(:03) Expedition Unknown	Expedition Un.			
ESPN	26	35	35	2018 U.S. Open Tennis Second Round. From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Roll Tide/War Eagle	30 for 30		
ESPN2	27	39	39	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games "Friend or Foe"	Guy's Games			
FOOD	40	109	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Hannity (N)	The Inghram Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson			
FOXN	37	90	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	(:02) ** "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Ian McNeice, Simon Callow. Goofy sleuth seeks a sacred white bat.	Braves Live! Post.	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Atlanta Braves.				
FREE	20	131	131	(6:00) ** "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994) Jim Carrey.	Alone Together "Flashback" (N)	(:31) Alone Together "Big Bear"	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Atlanta Braves.					
FSS	21	47	47	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	The Golden Girls "Brotherly Love"	The Golden Girls "The Audit"	The Golden Girls "The Audit"	The Golden Girls "Charlie's Buddy"			
HALL	52	183	183	(6:00) "Very, Very Valentine" (2018, Comedy) Danica McKellar.	"Love on the Slopes" (2018, Romance) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. A copy editor meets an extreme sports enthusiast.	Property Brothers (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Flipping Virgins (N)	Property Brothers		
HGTV	39	112	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	American Pickers "Mystery Picks" (N)	(:03) American Pickers (DVS)	(:05) American Pickers (DVS)	American Pickers			
HIST	45	110	110	American Pickers "Hyder's Hideaway"	American Pickers (DVS)	Blue Bloods "Flags of Our Fathers" Danny's ex-partner faces an accusation.	Blue Bloods "Back in the Day" Jamie and Eddie face important choices.	Blue Bloods "Cursed" A mobster is found shot in his car. (DVS)	Blue Bloods (DVS)			
ION	13	18	18	Blue Bloods "Unsung Heroes" An elusive serial killer taunts Danny.	Blue Bloods "Hold Outs" Erin must take a case from a colleague.	Biography Presents: Michael Jackson: The story of Michael Jackson.	Michael Jackson: The Ultimate Icon: The singer's final months.	"Michael Jackson: Searching"				
LIFE	50	145	145	Grey's Anatomy Alex believes jail time awaits him.	"Michael Jackson: Searching for Neverland" (2017, Docudrama) Navi, Chad Coleman, Sam Adegoke. The singer's devotion to his children.	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
MSNBC	36	92	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends	
NICK	16	210	210	The Loud House	SpongeBob SquarePants	** "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.	(:06) ** "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.	(:05) ** "Aliens vs. Predator: Requiem" (2007, Science Fiction) Steven Pasquale, Reiko Aylesworth, John Ortiz.				
PARMT	64	153	153	(:06) Friends	(:44) Friends	Conan (N)	Conan (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee				
SYFY	58	152	152	*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TBS	24	156	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	*** "Key Largo" (1948, Crime Drama) Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson. Gangster holds GI and hostages in Florida Keys hotel. (DVS)	*** "Tower Heist" (2011) Ben Stiller. Condo employees plot revenge against a Wall Street swindler. (DVS)	*** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith.				
TCM	49	186	186	(5:45) *** "Designing Woman" (1957) Gregory Peck. (DVS)	*** "The Big Sleep" (1946, Mystery) Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Martha Vickers. Philip Marlowe investigates blackmail and murder. (DVS)	Dr. Pimple Popper	My 600-Lb. Life Twins decide they need to lose weight.					
TLC	43	157	157	My 600-Lb. Life "June's Story"	My 600-Lb. Life Twins decide they need to lose weight.	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Misfits & Monsters	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Misfits & Monsters	
TNT	23	158	158	(5:30) ** "Contraband" (2012) Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale. (DVS)	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens		
TRUTV	38	129	129	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	(:01) The Sinner "Part V" Ambrose zeroes in on a new suspect. (N)	(:04) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Inheritance" Beating/rape.	(:04) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Inheritance" Beating/rape.	(12:04) Suits "Sour Grapes"			
TV LAND	55	161	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.					
USA	25	132	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Redemption" Stabler tracks a serial rapist.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A teen stops an assault on his mother.	Suits "Sour Grapes" Harvey is forced to help David Fox. (N) (DVS)	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.					
WE	68	166	166	(5:30) *** "Dirty Dancing" (1987)	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	
WGNA	8	172	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Carter	

Recent fast-breaking news prompts end to vacations

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

August is supposed to be a slow news month. It's easy to forget that the just-completed "Sharknado" movie spoof franchise was inspired by summertime cable news' focus on shark attacks and approaching tropical storms.

"Real" news, like wars, scandals, crises and financial meltdowns, are supposed to wait till the fall when everybody (including newscasters) is back from the beach.

Last week's fast-breaking news regarding the guilty plea of the president's lawyer and the multiple fraud convictions of his former campaign chairman did not respect anybody's leisure plans. CNN's legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin had to be reached at his country home in a series of impromptu, vacation-ending interviews. As he told *The New York Times*, "The big challenge was keeping my dog out of the shot."

With so much bubbling to the surface, it's not surprising to note that the two most-watched cable shows last Wednesday were MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show" with just under 3.6 million viewers and Fox News' "Hannity" with 3.1 million. To put this in some perspective, 2.4 million showed up to watch the finale of the epic Western "Yellowstone" on Paramount, starring Kevin Costner. I guess viewers know a real melodrama when they see it.

As Kenny Rogers taught us, "You've got to know when to fold 'em." "NOVA" repeats the 2017 documentary "The Origami Revolution" (10 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings). While the word conjures up a very specific Japanese paper art

form, scientists and mathematicians have studied the principles of origami to understand the nature of flowers and plants and their magnificent unfolding and to develop new devices as different as articles of clothing, drugs, robots and foldable spacecraft.

Information about this and other "NOVA" episodes as well as hundreds of streaming segments can be found at pbs.org/wgbh/nova/.

Paula Apsell, senior executive producer of "NOVA," will receive a Lifetime Achievement Emmy Award on Oct. 1, honoring her 33 years with the superb documentary series and her dedication to the public's understanding of science. Series like "NOVA" remind us that smart television matters. And endures.

- In the eighth episode of "Castle Rock," streaming today on Hulu, new home buyers have no problems with their house's dark reputation. In fact, that's exactly what they desired. Look for two more episodes of this Stephen King thriller to drop Sept. 5 and 12.
- Ambrose's night at the compound gets under Heather's skin on "The Sinner" (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA).

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The remaining chefs get scrappy on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- The new series "Ancient Invisible Cities" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) kicks off with the unseen wonders of Athens.
- Donna's agreement has consequences on "Suits" (9 p.m., USA, TV-14).
- Sparks fly on "BattleBots" (9 p.m., Science).



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As Ambrose (Bill Pullman), right, zeroes in on a new suspect, a rift develops between him and Heather (Natalie Paul) on the "Part V" episode of "The Sinner," airing at 10 p.m. today on USA.

- The top three from each division move forward on "World of Dance" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- The art of gift-giving gets a once-over on "Shark Tank" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).
- "Homicide Hunter: Lt Joe Kenda" (10 p.m., ID, TV-14) enters its eighth season.

SERIES NOTES

Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Live results on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Adam's Lost Ark on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Joanna tries to win over the locals on "Burden of Truth" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * On two helpings of "American Housewife" (ABC, r, TV-PG), too hands-on (8:30 p.m.), departures (9:30 p.m.) * A spice market

looms large on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Lost in the stars on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Morgan targets Lena on "Supergirl" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * The feds arrive on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A sea captain (John Wayne) and a missionary's daughter (Lauren Bacall) take on Chinese Communists in the 1955 Cold War thriller "Blood Alley" (11:30 a.m., TCM). Part of a day-long marathon of Lauren Bacall movies. The Duke promoted "Blood Alley" with a special appearance on "I Love Lucy."

LATE NIGHT

Bob Newhart and Nikki

Glazer sit down on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Hugh Grant, Margaret Hoover, Sean Donnelly and Laura Benanti appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jennifer Lopez, Janet Jackson and Daddy Yankee on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Don Cheadle, Zoe Kravitz, Blood Orange and A\$AP Rocky are scheduled on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) * Chris O'Dowd, Regina Hall and grandson visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Sterling K. Brown, James Marsden, Brian Tyree Henry, Shawn Mendes and Julia Michaels appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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CHERRY COBBLER

holds its own against fancy desserts

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

For an easy, rustic dessert, you really can't beat a cobbler. With a fleet of tender biscuits floating on a sea of sweet fruit, a good cobbler can hold its own against any fancy cake or pastry.

For our cast-iron skillet cherry cobbler, we looked to jarred, pitted cherries in syrup to deliver maximum cherry flavor with the least amount of prep work. We used a portion of the syrup, thickened with cornstarch and seasoned with allspice, nutmeg, and vanilla, to enrich our fruit filling.

For the topping, we wanted fluffy but sturdy biscuits that didn't need to be baked separately from the cherries. To accomplish this, we incorporated a combination of baking powder and baking soda into the biscuit dough.

Baking powder encourages baked goods to rise and is activated by heat, so we spaced our biscuits 1/2 inch apart to give them room to grow in the oven. Baking soda, on the other hand, contributes tenderness and is activated by an acidic ingredient, so we added buttermilk, which also lent our biscuits great flavor.

The cast-iron skillet went right from the stovetop to the oven for maximum convenience. We prefer the crunchy texture of turbinado sugar sprinkled on the biscuits before baking, but regular granulated sugar can be substituted. For best results, serve within 15 minutes, and transfer any leftovers to an airtight container.

CHERRY COBBLER

Servings: 6-8
Start to finish: 45 minutes

Filling:

6 cups jarred sour cherries in light syrup, drained with 2 cups syrup reserved
1/2 cup (3 1/2 ounces) granulated sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
Pinch ground nutmeg
Pinch salt

Topping:

1 1/2 cups (7 1/2 ounces) all-purpose flour
5 tablespoons (2 1/4 ounces) granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup buttermilk
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 tablespoons turbinado sugar
Adjust oven rack to middle position, and heat oven to 400 F.
Whisk cherry syrup, sugar, cornstarch, vanilla, allspice, nutmeg and

salt in bowl until well combined. Transfer mixture to 12-inch cast-iron skillet, and bring to simmer over medium-high heat. Cook, whisking frequently, until slightly thickened, 5 to 7 minutes. Off heat, stir in cherries.

Whisk flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt together in medium bowl. Stir in buttermilk and melted butter until just combined. Using spoon, scoop out and drop 1-inch pieces of dough onto filling, spaced about 1/2 inch apart. Sprinkle biscuits with turbinado sugar.

Transfer skillet to oven, and bake until biscuits are golden brown and filling is thick and glossy, 30 to 35 minutes, rotating skillet halfway through baking. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 364 calories; 59 calories from fat; 7 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 17 mg cholesterol; 158 mg sodium; 74 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 31 g sugar; 4 g protein.



Amp up your spoonbread with kernels

BY SARA MOULTON

Associated Press

The Southern staple known as spoonbread — a particular specialty of Kentucky and Virginia — is a Native American dish adopted early on by America's earliest European settlers. George Washington happened to be a big fan and often served it up at Mount Vernon, Virginia. I love it because of its puddinglike richness, a creamy, airy cross between cornbread and a soufflé. Creating that airiness is a matter of separating the eggs and beating the whites, then folding them into the batter.

The recipe's key ingredient is corn, and I decided to amp up the traditional recipe with corn kernels. Half of them are pureed — adding to the bread's creaminess — while the remainder is folded in for crunch.

What should you look for when buying fresh corn? Start by confirming that each ear is full and thick, with kernels growing all the way to the tip. The easiest way to do so would be to strip away the husk and take a squint at the tip, but that maneuver makes the ear unsellable. Instead, use your fingers to feel if the ear is full at the top by pressing the tip through the husk. And if you discover a tiny bug on the ear after shucking it at home, just wash it away, secure in the knowledge that no pesticides were used in the corn's cultivation.

Some varieties of corn sold at the market will stay sweet for four or five days. I prefer regular corn because it tastes more like corn to me, but its sugar starts to turn to starch as soon as it's picked, which means it's best to cook the corn as soon as you can (keep it chilled until you do).

I call for fine cornmeal in this recipe for Fresh Corn Spoonbread with Sharp Cheddar and Chiles, but you're welcome to use the medium-ground variety if you want a bit of gritty crunch. The buttermilk provides some tangy contrast to the corn's sweetness, but if you're no fan of tang (or don't want to buy buttermilk), substitute regular whole milk.

FRESH CORN SPOONBREAD WITH SHARP CHEDDAR AND CHILES

Servings: 6
Start to finish: 1 hour, 10 minutes (45 active)

2 cups fresh corn kernels
2 cups buttermilk
2/3 cup fine yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne, optional
4 ounces extra-sharp cheddar cheese, coarsely grated
One 4.5-ounce can chopped green chilies, drained
4 large eggs, separated, at room temperature
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
In a blender, puree 1 cup of the corn with 1 cup of the buttermilk until smooth.

Preheat oven to 425 F. In a medium saucepan, stir together the pureed corn with the remaining buttermilk, cornmeal, butter, salt and cayenne, if using, and bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring frequently. Reduce the heat and simmer, whisking constantly, 3 minutes. Remove from the heat, stir in the cheese, chilies and the remaining 1 cup corn kernels; let cool while you beat the egg whites.

In a bowl with electric beaters, beat the whites with a pinch of salt until they are frothy, add the cream of tartar, and beat until they form soft peaks. Add the yolks to the cornmeal mixture, whisking constantly. Stir one-fourth of the whites into the cornmeal mixture and then fold in the remaining whites gently until they are just incorporated. Spread the mixture evenly in a buttered shallow 8-inch square baking dish, and bake on a rack in the lower third of the oven until set, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 288 calories; 130 calories from fat; 14 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 175 mg cholesterol; 709 mg sodium; 26 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 14 g protein.

Editor's Note: Sara Moulton is host of public television's "Sara's Weeknight Meals." She was executive chef at Gourmet magazine for nearly 25 years and spent a decade hosting several Food Network shows including "Cooking Live." Her latest cookbook is "HomeCooking 101."

