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Cops search for man who may know about killing

Victim, 54, may not have been intended target

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter police officers are attempting to locate a man who may have information that could assist in two investigations involving firearms, one of which ended in the death of a 54-year-old man on Tuesday.

Investigators think Calvin D. Epps, 21, of West Oakland Avenue,



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could have information that can help determine whether a fatal drive-by shooting and another shooting incident on Tuesday night are connected, said Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for Sumter Police Department. Marcus Brown died from injuries

he sustained when he was shot as a small, gray four-door vehicle passed by while he was sitting in his vehicle outside a family member's house in the 300 block of South Salem Street about 10:15 p.m. Brown was transported by emergency medical services to Palmetto Health Tuomey, where he later died.

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This is Halloween



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Ken Benard, as Michael Myers, stands ominously in the middle of the sidewalk during USC Sumter's Halloween Carnival on Tuesday. The carnival was meant to bring the community together in a safe space that still allowed kids to have fun and go trick-or-treating with trunk-or-treat booths, activities and family fun. About 50 student volunteers also were on hand to interact with kids and help with the event as a way to introduce young Sumterites to the college and older students.

USC Sumter holds holiday carnival for youngsters, families



Robert Hopkins and Ishamel Lafayette peek out from behind a photo booth at USC Sumter's Halloween Carnival on Tuesday.



Riley Tackett fights off some bubbles at USC Sumter on Tuesday.

ABOVE MIDDLE: Austin Stukes gets some candy from a masked man.

School board candidates get one last shot

Community groups hold last forum for Sumter hopefuls before election

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Before next week's election, at-large candidates vying for two seats on the nine-member Sumter School Board participated in another meet-the-candidates forum Tuesday.

Five of the eight candidates took to the stage at Central Carolina Technical College for the event, which was sponsored by the Sumter County League of Women Voters,

Sumter County NAACP and I-CAR, a community group based in Rembert.

Participants included the three life-long educators in the race — Frank Baker, Bonnie Disney and Lloyd Hunter — and two businessmen — Jay Linginfelter and Bubba Rabon.

Another at-large candidate, James Burton, plant operations manager at Continental Tire's Sumter plant, was out of the country on business, according to event

organizers, and unable to attend. He attended last week's teacher-sponsored forum.

Two other at-large candidates, William Byrd and Shawn Ragin, also didn't attend. Neither attended last week. Byrd, one of the two current at-large board members appointed by the county legislative delegation last year, hasn't attended school board meetings since July because of an illness and

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Trump says border troops could hit 15K, surprising Pentagon

BY ZEKE MILLER and ROBERT BURNS
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that the number of military troops deployed to the U.S.-Mexican border could reach 15,000 — roughly double the number the Pentagon said it currently plans for a mission whose dimensions are shifting daily. The Pentagon said “more

than 7,000” troops were being sent to the Southwest border to support the Customs and Border Protection agents. Officials said that number could reach a maximum of about 8,000 under present plans.

The troop numbers have been changing at a dizzying pace, with Trump drawing a hard line on immigration in the lead-up to the midterm elections. Just last week officials were indicating that about 800 to

1,000 might be sent. On Monday, officials announced that about 5,200 were being deployed. The next day, the Air Force general running the operation said more than the initially announced total were going, and he pointedly rejected a news report that it could reach 14,000, saying that was “not consistent with what's actually being planned.” Gen. Terrence O’Shaughnessy, the commander of U.S. Northern

Command, told reporters the number would exceed the initial contingent of 5,200, but he offered no estimate of the eventual total.

Just 24 hours later, Trump thrust new uncertainty into the picture, catching the Pentagon by surprise.

With his eyes squarely on next Tuesday's contests, Trump has rushed a series of immigration declarations, promises and actions as he tries to mobilize supporters to

retain Republican control of Congress. His own Republican campaign in 2016 concentrated on border fears, and that's his focus in the final week of the midterm fight.

“As far as the caravan is concerned, our military is out,” Trump said. “We have about 5,800. We'll go up to anywhere between 10,000 and 15,000 military personnel on top of Border Patrol, ICE and

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S.C. 5th Congressional District race

Norman vs. Parnell, round 2

GOP incumbent battles Democrat challenger for U.S. House District 5

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The race for the state's 5th Congressional District has become somewhat of a typical Congressional battle in South Carolina — an incumbent Republican battling a Democrat who pledges to work across the aisle.

To continue the state's steady course of overall improvements, especially in the urban metropolitan areas, versus potentially redirecting the ship for the betterment for all, including rural South Carolina.



CHANDLER

It's U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., against Democratic nominee Archie Parnell. Again.

If those names sound familiar, they should. The Congressional race is a rematch of the June 2017 special election to replace U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., who vacated the seat to become director of the Office of Management and Budget in President Trump's administration.

In that election, Norman narrowly defeated Parnell with 52 percent of the vote. The race was one of the closest congressional races in South Carolina in 20 years.

A Sumter native, Parnell is

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for the expansion of health care and other Democratic initiatives. But, as a former tax attorney who worked previously as a Congressional staff member as a tax specialist in the days when the two parties actually worked together, he pledges to encourage civility and listening to everyone.

Norman is a staunch Trump supporter who wants to continue the state's steady overall progress.

Norman easily won the June Republican primary, while Parnell weathered revelations of domestic violence from his first marriage 45 years ago to still capture 60 percent of primary votes against three political newcomers.

Parnell has said he takes ownership of his past behavior, has become a better person from it and wants voters to judge him based on the man he is today.

Constitution Party Candidate Michael Chandler rounds out the field.



Ralph Norman shakes the hand of Beth Abruzzo after speaking at USC Sumter's Constitution Day.

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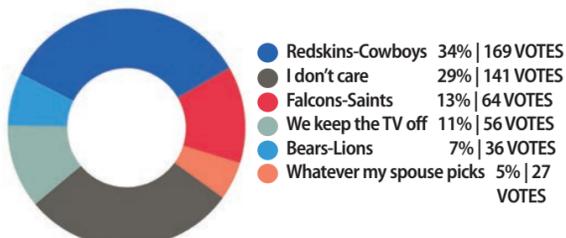


Archie Parnell, South Carolina's 5th Congressional district Democratic nominee, talked to potential voters at Sumter Cut Rate on South Main Street in downtown Sumter.

Poll of the week

This week's question: What NFL Thanksgiving Day game will most likely be on your TV?

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Next week's question: The great pie debate — What's the best slice?

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- Apple Pie
- Blueberry Pie
- Key Lime Pie

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Sumter School Board race

New board members will shape Sumter schools for years to come

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Many would contend the Sumter School Board race is the most important election in Sumter County this election cycle.

Sumter School District has almost 17,000 students who will represent the future local workforce in our ever-growing 21st century "knowledge economy" that is consistently evolving. According to widespread research, the economy of today and the future has an emphasis on technology, skills not labor and fewer, but higher-skilled, workers. That means K-12 education and growing links to post-secondary education are of utmost importance in every community, including Sumter.

The nine-member board could see anywhere from three to five new members come Election Day. Three area-seat incumbents are not running for re-election, and the two at-large seats are up for the public's vote for the first time on Nov. 6.

In 2017, the Sumter County Legislative Delegation added and appointed members those two at-large seats in the wake of the district's financial crisis from fiscal year 2016. In that year's audit report, released in December 2016, it was discovered the district overspent its budget by \$6.2 mil-

lion and had an ending fund balance of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to the district's auditor at the time.

In the wake of financial troubles, the former seven-member board and the district's superintendent at the time, Frank Baker, mutually agreed for him to retire in July 2017. Now, 16 months later, Baker — a lifelong educator with 23 years of experience as a superintendent in Sumter County — is running for one of those at-large seats.

Board members have authority over the district's now-\$131.8 million budget. That budget is almost 10 percent larger than the combined City of Sumter's budget and Sumter County's budget of \$119.9 million.

A sixth board seat is also up for election Nov. 6, but only incumbent Johnny Hilton's name will be on the ballot. He will be the presumed winner of the seat unless a write-in candidate earns more votes.

The board, which will be a mix of experienced and new members, also faces the decision of selecting the district's next full-time superintendent in the spring.

Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm, a former Richland School District 2 superintendent who came on in August 2017, is in her second and final year with the district.



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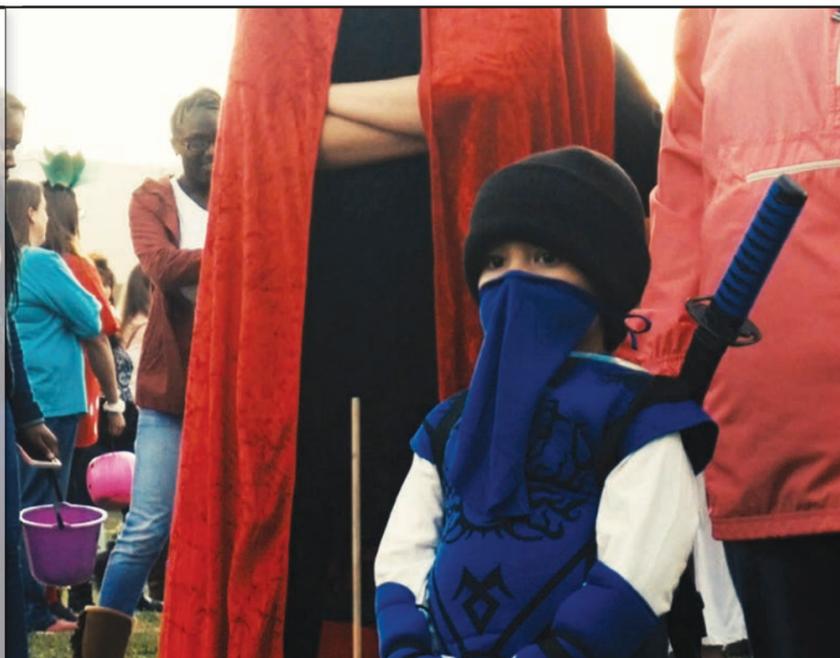
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St. Mark United Methodist Church served as host for the Mayesville Area Community Coalition's 11th-annual Breast Cancer Walk. Sashes were presented to cancer survivors, families came out to walk together, and a free brunch was served. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Tuomey Breast Cancer Foundation. The coalition was established in 2004.



12 Crestwood students presented Golden Apple



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Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce celebrated 12 Crestwood High School students Thursday with the presentation of the Golden Apple Award for their integrity and strong moral character. Each student received a certificate containing a proclamation from the city and county of Sumter, signed by Mayor Joe McElveen and Sumter County Council Chairman Jim McCain. The proclamation reads, "Whereas, students at Crestwood High School have demonstrated exceptional character; and whereas, students at Crestwood High School have shown pride, determination and honesty; and whereas the City and County of Sumter acknowledge these students for positively contributing to the community and society." Golden Apple Award recipients are: Ki 'Asia Benjamin, Brayden Cook, Aliyah Grady, Kyle Hawkins, Kaitlynn Horton, Jaha Jackson, Dalyn Leonard-Smith, Trevor Myers, Savannah Paugh, Arianna Rehby, Ramona Rush and Paul Sowers. A description of each student's character and why they were selected was read aloud during the event.

Suspect waives hearing in shooting of 7 Florence law enforcement officers

FLORENCE (AP) — The suspect in the shooting of seven law enforcement officers in South Carolina has refused to take part in a hearing, and a magistrate ruled he abandoned his right to the session.

News outlets report that 74-year-old Fred Hopkins refused to participate in Wednesday's hearing in Florence.

Hopkins is charged with killing two officers and wounding five others at his home Oct. 3 when officers came to question his son about a sexual assault allegation.

Hopkins said the hearing was illegally delayed. Magistrate Mia David Weaver ruled the hearing had been set within 10 days of his request. Hopkins said nothing else and was returned to jail.

Florence Police Sgt. Terrence Carraway and Florence County Sheriff's Investigator Farrah Turner died from wounds from the shooting.

No trial has been set.

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Aging can't be stopped, but you can slow it down

More people are living past the age of 65 than ever before, approximately 48 million. That number is expected to double by 2060. Now, it is more important than ever to understand the care the human body needs to support active aging through proper nutrition and exercise.

With aging, every system in the body begins to decline. Regardless of how great your diet is or how many supplements and vitamins you take, the aging process cannot be stopped. However, with proper support, we can slow the aging process of muscle loss, poor balance, decreased cardiovascular fitness and accumulation of excess body fat.

Bone loss that has begun in our forties is in full swing, and the bones begin to thin as we get older. In addition to bone loss, muscle mass and strength begins to decline. Small declines begin at age 30, but muscle mass begins to rapidly decline at age 50. For this reason, strength training to build and maintain muscle and bone density is recommended as well as a sufficient diet in carbohydrates and protein.

When it comes to exercise, experts recommend functional fitness exercises that train the muscles and joints to work together to help make everyday activities easier, reduce risk of injury and improve overall quality of life. These types of exercises can be extremely beneficial as they can help improve balance, agility, flexibility and muscle strength.

For example, a squat is a functional movement because it trains your muscles that help you stand up and sit down or pick up objects off the floor. Specific exercise programs like Yoga and Tai Chi involve varying combinations of resistance and flexibility training that can help build functional fitness.

Maintaining a healthy diet is even more important as you age. However, there aren't specific guidelines for the aging population other than focusing on "healthy." The difficulty with specific nutrition guidelines for this population is that many with chronic illnesses may take multiple medications which require nutrition advice from a registered dietitian.

Additionally, aging can affect hydration status. Some changes include less body water, decreased thirst and less urine and sweat excreted. Certain medications and supplements can also alter the body's water status. Since the body is made up of about two-thirds water, it is important to make a plan to drink sufficient amounts of water to keep the body functioning properly.

While there is no best specific diet or exercise it is best to find activities and eating patterns that are sustainable for you and your lifestyle that will improve and help you maintain your quality of life!

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Online rants by would-be shooters create dilemma for law enforcement

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Their anger is all over social media for the whole world to see, with rants about minorities, relationships gone bad or paranoid delusions about perceived slights.

The perpetrators of mass shootings often provide a treasure trove of insight into their violent tendencies, but the information is not always seen by law enforcement until after the violence is carried out. In addition, rants and hate speech rarely factor into whether someone passes a background check to buy guns.

The massacre at a Pittsburgh synagogue, the pipe bombing attempts from last week and the Florida high school shooting this year have underscored the dilemma of law enforcement around the country in assessing the risk of people making online rants at a time when social media has become so ubiquitous.

"We can go out on Twitter and there are loads of people saying insane stuff, but how do you know which is the one person? It's always easy after the fact, to go: 'That was clear.' But clearly everyone spouting their mouth doesn't go and shoot up a synagogue," said David Chipman, a retired agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and now senior policy adviser for the Giffords Center.

Robert Bowers, the man accused of opening fire at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, expressed virulently anti-Semitic views

on a social media site called Gab, according to an Associated Press review of an archived version of the posts made under his name. The cover photo for his account featured a neo-Nazi symbol, and his recent posts included a photo of a fiery oven like those used in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Other posts referenced false conspiracy theories suggesting the Holocaust was a hoax.

It was only just before the shooting that the poster thought to be Bowers seemed to cross the line, posting: "I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I'm going in." Authorities say Bower killed 11 people and injured six others, including four officers who responded.

Keeping tabs on social media posts has been used for years by law enforcement to try to identify potential threats. The task is enormous, and it's an inexact science. The volume of posts is significant, and the question arises: Is something a true threat or free speech?

They are mindful of the fact that the First Amendment protects Americans' right to express even speech that many in society find abhorrent — and have to make often-subjective decisions about what crosses the line.

Among more than 550 police departments across the country surveyed several years ago by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, about three-quarters said they regularly searched social media for



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First lady Melania Trump, accompanied by President Donald Trump, and Tree of Life Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, right, puts down a white flower at a memorial for those killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

potential threats.

Lt. Chris Cook, spokesman for the Arlington, Texas, Police Department, said the searches are often done manually, using keywords to try to identify troubling posts.

"It's very time consuming, it's very staff and resource intensive and you have humans involved in the process so there is the potential that law enforcement can miss something," Cook said, adding that departments can't rely on social media alone. The community needs to be involved to report any suspicious behavior.

"Everyone has to be our extra eyes and ears out there," he said.

In one case where vigilance paid off, authorities say a black woman received troubling racist, harassing messages on Facebook from a man she didn't know, prompting her to call police. The tip from the New Jersey woman led Kentucky police to a home where they found Dylan Jarrell with a firearm, more than 200 rounds of ammunition, a bulletproof vest, a 100-round high-

capacity magazine and a "detailed plan of attack." He was arrested just as he was leaving his driveway.

Bowers is not alone among alleged mass shooters in making racist or bigoted comments online.

Dylann Roof, convicted of the 2015 slaying of nine black churchgoers in South Carolina, had posted a 2,000-word racist rant and posed in photos with firearms and the Confederate flag. Nikolas Cruz, the teenager charged in the slaying of 17 students and adults at a high school in Parkland, Florida, hurled online slurs against blacks and Muslims, and went so far as to state he wanted to be a "professional school shooter."

The rants did not affect their ability to buy guns. When purchasing a firearm, criminal background checks only look for any records showing a criminal past or mental health problems that led to an involuntary commitment.

"I always felt as an ATF agent, the way our laws were structured, ATF stood for

'After the Fact,'" Chipman said.

There have been some changes, however, to make it easier to alert authorities to warning signs. "Red flag" laws have been enacted in 13 states in the past couple of years, allowing relatives or law enforcement with concerns about a person's mental health to go to court and seek to have firearms removed at least temporarily.

But Erich Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, cautioned against using social media content to deny someone the constitutional right to own a firearm.

"I abhor hateful comments by the left or the right, but I don't think you lose your rights for simply uttering," Pratt said.

He likened it to the Tom Cruise movie "Minority Report," about law enforcement in the future using psychic technology to nab murderers before they commit a crime.

"It's dangerous to go down this road of Minority Report with pre-crime," he said. "Nobody should lose their rights without due process."

Text-to-911 service is slow to expand

NEW YORK (AP) — People can livestream their every move on Facebook and chatter endlessly in group chats. But in most parts of the U.S., they still can't reach 911 by texting — an especially important service during mass shootings and other catastrophes when a phone call could place someone in danger.

Although text-to-911 service is slowly expanding, the emphasis there is on "slow." Limited funds, piecemeal adoption and outdated call-center technology have all helped stymie growth.

Emergency 911 centers stress that a phone call is still the best way to reach them, since calls provide them with location data and other needed details. But in some cases — for instance, if a person has a hearing disability, or when a call might attract the attention of assailants — texting is a far better way to call for help.

The 911 emergency system was developed for landlines. But now about 80 percent of U.S. 911 calls come from cellphones, according to the federal government's National 911 Program. There is no legal requirement for call centers to offer text-to-911 services.

If a center requests the service from mobile companies like Verizon or Sprint, however, the companies are required to provide it within six months.

More money would speed implementation. "We need a significant federal grant program to modernize 911 systems across the country," said Jeff Cohen, chief counsel at advocacy group the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials.

Congressional legislation could speed adoption of text-to-911, and while there are two bills currently making their way through Congress related to the issue, they need more bipartisan support, Cohen said. Traditionally 911 call centers have been funded by a combination of state and local funding, rather than relying on federal grants. For that reason technology and adoption varies widely between states, cities and counties.

While some areas may have plenty of money to implement text-to-911 service, "others are cash strapped cities or communities that would rather spend money on a police car rather than text-to-911," said Brian Fontes, chief executive officer of the National Emergency Number Association. "When you don't have the money you have to prioritize what you do with the money you have."

The first text-to-911 was sent in 2009 in Iowa. Now, according to data collected by the



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Seen is a 911 call center in Roswell, Georgia, with one of the computer screens used by dispatchers showing a text message that has come into the system. The Roswell call center is one of the few in the United States that accepts text messages.

Federal Communications Commission, more than 1,600 emergency call centers across the nation have configured systems to receive text message requests for 911 services, up from about 650 two years ago. But that's barely a quarter of the roughly 6,000 overall in the country. Figures are a bit murky since they are self-reported to the FCC.

Implementing text-to-911 service usually starts with a state law requiring emergency centers to support it.

Indiana, for example, has state 911 requirements set by the Indiana General Assembly and a state 911 board that oversees the operation of the statewide 911 network, which routes and delivers 911 voice and text messages from people to their local 911 authority. It pays for 911 from monthly end user surcharges, \$1 for landline, wireless and other types of phones, which are collected by phone service providers.

Four years after Indiana dispatch centers began adopting text-to-911 technology, residents in all 92 of the state's counties can send texts during emergencies if they're unable to speak to dispatchers, the state said in June. Minnesota, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont also offer statewide coverage.

Without state legislation, adopting text-to-911 can be more piecemeal. In California, a plan to raise taxes to pay for modernizing the 911 emergency dispatch system statewide fell one vote short in September in the Senate when Republicans refused to sign onto a tax increase.

But cities and municipalities can decide to support text-to-911 on their own. Los Angeles County, which includes cities like Los Angeles, Burbank and Glendale, has supported text-to-911 since late last year, for example.

Allegheny County in Pennsylvania, where the synagogue shooting took place, does offer text-to-911 service. But high school students hiding from a gunman in Parkland, Florida, last February, had to make whispered 911 calls to authorities. Broward County, which includes Parkland, plans to have text-to-911 in place by the end of this year.

Turkish prosecutor says Saudi writer strangled, body dismembered

ISTANBUL (AP) — Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was strangled as soon as he entered the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul as part of a premeditated killing, and his body was dismembered before being disposed of, a top Turkish prosecutor said Wednesday.

Chief Istanbul prosecutor Irfan Fidan's office also said in a statement that discussions with Saudi chief prosecutor Saud al-Mojeb yielded no "concrete results" despite Turkey's "good intentions to uncover the truth."

The statement was the first public confirmation by a Turkish official that Khashoggi was strangled and dismembered after he entered the Saudi Consulate on Oct. 2 to collect paperwork he needed to marry his Turkish fiancée.

"In accordance with plans made in advance, the victim, Jamal Khashoggi, was strangled and killed immediately after entering the Consulate General of Saudi Arabia," the prosecutor's office said.

"The victim Jamal Khashoggi's body was dismembered and destroyed following his death by suffocation again, in line with the advance plans," the two-page statement read.

Turkey is seeking the extradition of 18 suspects in the journalist's slaying who were detained in Saudi Arabia. It also is pressing Saudi Arabia for information about who ordered Khashoggi's killing and the location of his remains.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called on Riyadh to disclose the identity of an alleged local collaborator said to have been involved in getting rid of Khashoggi's body.

Saudi chief prosecutor al-Mojeb held talks with Fidan and other Turkish officials in

Istanbul this week and departed Wednesday. Saudi Arabia has not commented directly on the prosecutor's visit.

Fidan's office said the Saudi delegation submitted a written response to questions and invited the Turkish delegation to come to Saudi Arabia bringing "evidence obtained during the course of the investigation."

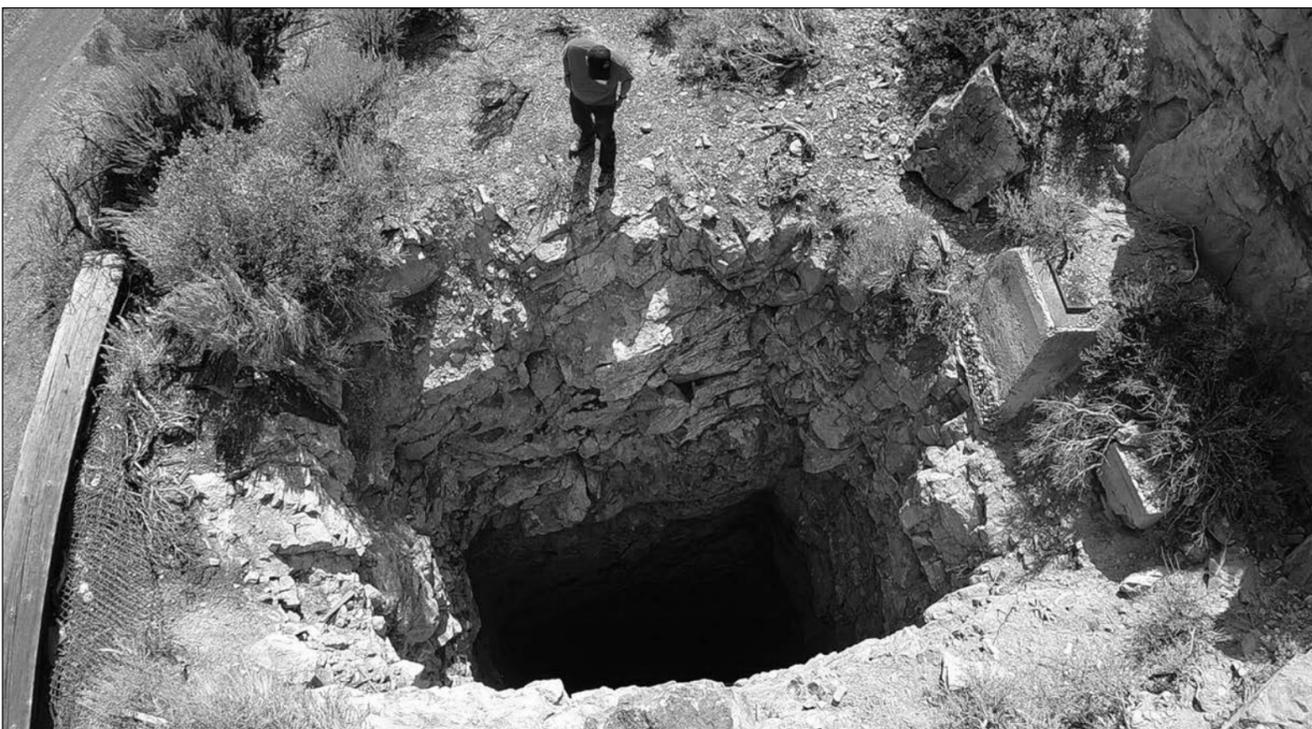
The Saudi representatives said the whereabouts of Khashoggi's remains and whether the killing was premeditated or not would only come to light through a joint interrogation by Turkish and Saudi investigators, according to the statement.

The statement said Turkey renewed its request for the 18 suspects to be extradited. It did not say if Turkish officials would travel to Saudi Arabia.

Khashoggi, a 59-year-old columnist for *The Washington Post*, vanished after entering the consulate in Istanbul to pick up paperwork for his upcoming marriage. His fiancée was waiting for him outside. A critic of the Saudi crown prince, Khashoggi had been living in exile in the United States.

Turkey alleges a Saudi hit squad from Saudi Arabia — including a member of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's entourage during a trip to the United States — went to Istanbul to kill the journalist and then tried to cover it up.

Under mounting pressure, Saudi Arabia changed its narrative about Khashoggi's killing several times, eventually admitting Khashoggi died inside the consulate. Saudi Arabia only recently acknowledged Turkish evidence showed the slaying was premeditated.



Nick Castleton looks down a shaft near Eureka, Utah. Underneath the landscape of the U.S. West lie hundreds of thousands of abandoned mines, an underground world that can hold serious danger and unexpected wonder.

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Deaths highlight dangers, draw of U.S. West's old mines

BY LINDSAY WHITEHURST

Associated Press

EUREKA, Utah — Underneath the mountains and deserts of the U.S. West lie hundreds of thousands of abandoned mines, an underground world that can hold serious danger and unexpected wonder.

They are a legacy of the region's prospecting past, when almost anyone could dig a mine and then walk away, with little cleanup required, when it stopped producing.

In Utah alone, the state is trying to seal more than 10,000 open mines with cinderblocks and metal grates after people have died in rock falls and all-terrain-vehicle crashes and from poisonous air over the past three decades. Just this month in Arizona, a prospector broke his left leg and ankle after plunging to the bottom of an old mine shaft. He spent nearly three days there with no food or water fending off rattlesnakes before a friend heard his cries for help.

Still, not everyone wants to see the mines closed. For years, a dedicated subculture of explorers has been slipping underground to see tunnels lined with sparkling quartz, century-old rail cars and caverns that open in the earth like buried ballrooms.

"Nobody has walked the path you're walking for 100 years," said Jeremy MacLee, who uses old mining documents and high-tech safety equipment to find and explore forgotten holes, mostly in Utah.

He also lends his expertise to searches for missing people. That's how he got to know Bill Powell, who looked for his 18-year-old son, Riley, for months before the teenager and his girlfriend were found dead in a mine shaft outside the small town of Eureka.

The teens' families formed a close bond with MacLee and other volunteer searchers. Despite his painful memories, Bill Powell decided to see what draws his friend to those dark recesses deep in the desert.

"It's a whole different life. The underground life," said Powell, who has a gravelly voice, close-cropped gray beard and a quick smile.

On a recent day, he and MacLee



A mine shaft is covered near Eureka, Utah. In Utah alone, the state is trying to seal more than 10,000 open mines with cinderblocks and metal grates after people have died in rock falls and all-terrain-vehicle crashes and from poisonous air over the past three decades. For the state, the message is as clear as its skull-and-crossbones signs: Stay out and stay alive.

joined a group of friends in front of a mountainside opening near Eureka, wearing helmets, oxygen meters and strong lights, and carrying a stash of extra batteries. Cool air blasted from the opening, cutting through the desert heat.

The group walked between metal tracks that once carried ore carts, making their way through a tunnel shored up in places with squared-off timbers. After nearly a mile, the rail-car tracks suddenly dropped into an abyss as the tunnel opened wide into a huge cavern. A hundred years ago, it would be a bustling scene lit with candles and carbide lights, as miners climbed a scaffolding the size of a seven-story building to drill out lead and silver.

Now, it is silent and pitch-black, illuminated only by the searching headlamp beams.

Bill Powell thought of his son, and the trips they took through the desert when he was a kid. Sometimes they'd come across an old mine shaft and toss a rock down, trying to imagine how far it fell. He doesn't do that anymore, not since his son's body was found in one of those pits.

Though the teenager never got to explore a mine like the one his father

was in, Bill Powell thought he'd like seeing it. "He'd probably wish he was with me, hanging out."

But the dangers of abandoned mines weigh on Utah officials' minds. There have been 11 deaths since 1982 and more than 40 injuries, including people who entered mines to explore and others who fell in by accident, according to state data. Some abandoned mines become filled with tainted water, as in the toxic 2015 spill from Colorado's Gold King mine, but most in Utah are dry.

Legally, entering a mine can be considered trespassing in Utah if it has been closed or there are signs posted outside, but prosecutions are rare. Explorers argue it's no more dangerous than outdoor sports ranging from hiking to skiing, which also claim lives in the West.

But there are hazards specific to mines that can be especially dangerous to the unprepared, from abandoned explosives to the potentially fatal low-oxygen air known to miners as "black damp," reclamation specialist Chris Rohrer said. And while some explorers like MacLee go in prepared, many do not.

"It's just a wide open, Wild West thing," he said. "It's a completely un-

controlled situation."

In Arizona, prospector John Waddell fell to the rocky bottom of a mine shaft after the rigging he used to lower himself broke Oct. 15. He survived by sucking moisture out of his shirt before a friend who he'd told about his plans came to check on him.

There are also cases like Riley Powell and his girlfriend, Brelynne "Breezy" Otteson. Prosecutors say an enraged man killed the teenage couple after they visited his girlfriend despite his warning her not to have male visitors. He dumped their bodies in the mine shaft, where they remained for nearly three months before being discovered in March.

Similar cases have occurred in states like Wyoming, Colorado and California. Investigators also searched old mines in Utah and neighboring Nevada after the high-profile 2009 disappearance of Susan Cox Powell, though the 28-year-old Salt Lake City-area woman was never found.

"Unfortunately, an abandoned mine is probably a good place to dispose of something like that — a person or something you want to hide forever," said Hollie Brown, spokeswoman for the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

For the state, the message is as clear as its skull-and-crossbones signs: Stay out and stay alive. The program has been around more than 30 years, and the division has already sealed some 6,000 abandoned mines.

One of the next projects on its list is a onetime stable near an early-1900s mine that used to house mining mules said to be so accustomed to the dim light underground that they had to be blindfolded when they were brought outside, Rohrer said.

In that case, it plans to seal the opening with a metal gate. At other mines, crews build cinderblock walls, backfill with dirt and rocks, or weld rebar over the openings so bats and other wildlife can still get in and out.

"For 150 years, people have dug holes in the ground and brought wealth out of the ground," Rohrer said. "Unfortunately, after they brought that wealth out of the ground, they left that hole behind."

Indian couple who died in Yosemite liked life on the edge

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — She was a self-described "adrenaline junkie," and he took "wow-worthy photos" of the couple posing at the edge of cliffs and jumping from planes that appeared on social media and a travel blog that attracted thousands of followers.

In one post at the Grand Canyon this spring, 30-year-old Meenakshi Moorthy even warned daredevils who try to snap selfies from dangerous heights: "Did you know that wind gusts can be FATAL???" The caption accompanies a photo of Moorthy sitting on the edge of the canyon's North Rim.

The couple's latest trip turned out to be their last. Moorthy and her husband, Vishnu Viswanath, 29, who were Indian expats living in California, fell to their deaths in Yosemite National Park last week while taking a selfie, the man's brother said Tuesday.

They set up their tripod near a ledge at a scenic overlook in the California park, Viswanath's brother, Jishnu Viswanath, told The Associated Press. Visitors saw the camera the next morning and alerted park rangers, who "used high-powered binocu-

lars to find them and used helicopters to airlift the bodies," he said.

Rangers found their bodies about 800 feet below Taft Point, where visitors can walk to the edge of a vertigo-inducing granite ledge that offers spectacular views of the Yosemite Valley below.

Their thrill-seeking social media posts foreshadow the couple's link to the growing problem of selfie deaths.

A study published this month in the Journal of Family Medicine and Primary Care said 259 people had died taking selfies between October 2011 and November 2017.

The report, based on findings from researchers in India who scoured worldwide media reports, said the main causes of selfie deaths were drowning, usually involving people being washed away by waves or falling from a boat, followed by people killed while posing in front of a moving train, deaths involving falls from high places or while taking pictures with dangerous animals.

More than 10 people have died at Yosemite this year, some from natural causes and others from falls, park spokesman Scott Gediman said.

Moorthy and Viswanath were born in India and had lived in the United States for a few years, most recently in the San Francisco Bay Area. Cisco India said Viswanath was a software engineer at the company's San Jose, California, headquarters in Silicon Valley.

They graduated in 2010 from the College of Engineering, Chengannur, in the Alapuzha district of India's Kerala state, one of their professors, Nisha Kuruvilla, told AP. She said Moorthy and Viswanath were both good students who were fond of traveling and had married at a Hindu temple in Kerala in southern India four years ago.

Moorthy described her and her husband as "travel obsessed" on their blog, "Holidays & Happily Ever Afters," which was taken down Tuesday. It was filled with photos of the couple in front of snowy peaks and on romantic trips across Europe, where they took selfies from a gondola in Venice, at the Leaning Tower of Pisa and at the Vatican.

Moorthy wanted to work full time as a travel blogger, her brother-in-law said. She described herself as a "quirky

free spirit" and "an ardent adrenaline junkie — roller coasters and skydiving does not scare me," Viswanath said.

She posed at the edge of the Grand Canyon wearing a Wonder Woman costume, writing, "A lot of us including yours truly is a fan of daredevil attempts of standing

at the edge of cliffs — and skyscrapers. But did you know that wind gust can be FATAL???" Is our life just worth one photo?"

Her husband's Facebook cover photo shows the couple smiling, with arms around each other standing at a Grand Canyon precipice. "Living life on the edge," he wrote.

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TROOPS

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everybody else at the border.” His comment was the latest twist in a story that has pushed the Pentagon unhappily into the political space, prompting questions about whether Defense Secretary Jim Mattis was allowing the military to be leveraged as a political stunt. “We don’t do stunts,” Mattis said Wednesday. Trump rejected the idea he was “farm mongering” or using the issue for political purposes,

es, but his escalating rhetoric in the waning days of the campaign season calls that denial into question. Trump has railed against illegal immigration, including several caravans of migrants from Central America slowly moving toward the U.S. border. The caravan of an estimated 4,000 people is still nearly 1,000 miles from the border. He has also promised to end so-called catch-and-release policies by erecting tent cities to hold those crossing illegally. And this week he is asserting he could act by executive order to unilaterally end

birthright citizenship for the children of non-U.S. citizens. Trump’s comments Wednesday left some in the Pentagon scratching their heads. Officials said they had no plans to deploy as many as 15,000 troops. The number conceivably could reach 10,000, counting the 2,100 National Guard soldiers who have been operating along the border for months as part of a separate but related mission. The number of active-duty troops tapped for deployment stood at 7,000 as of Wednesday but could reach 8,000. A deployment of 15,000

would bring the military commitment on the border to roughly the same level as in war-torn Afghanistan. And it would more than double the number of people thought to be in the caravans. Trump did not back down Wednesday from his controversial proposal to upend the very concept of American citizenship. In a morning tweet, he said the right to citizenship for babies born to non-citizens on American soil “will be ended one way or the other.” He also claimed that what he terms “so-called Birthright Citizenship” is “not covered

by the 14th Amendment.” However, the text of the amendment’s opening Citizenship Cause is this: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” The citizenship proposal would inevitably spark a long-shot legal battle over whether the president can alter the long-accepted understanding that the 14th Amendment grants citizenship to any child born on U.S. soil, regardless of his parents’ immigration status.

CANDIDATES

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doesn’t appear to be running an active campaign. Ragin, 32, is founder and headmaster of Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy, a private K-9 school in Sumter with 42 students. Before starting the school, Ragin was a public school classroom teacher for eight years in Sumter and Lee counties. He has also run to be Sumter’s coronor twice. When called Wednesday, Ragin said he had a schedule conflict Tuesday that prevented him from attending.

Candidates answered nine questions with three minutes maximum for each response and also provided a summary statement at the close of the event on their candidacy for the board.

Possibly because event organizers were three community groups, several questions were focused on how the candidates would interact with the community and were different from questions asked Oct. 23 at the forum organized by the Sumter Teacher Forum.

About 100 people attended the event.

The following is a summary of the participating candidates’ responses, with candidates listed in alphabetical order:

FRANK BAKER

A superintendent for 23 years in Sumter County and a life-long resident, Baker emphasized he’s connected to all areas of the community and would listen to all stakeholders as a board member.

He said to build consensus and support in the community when making key decisions, board members must listen and be responsive to all constituents. He said the board didn’t do that earlier this year when it closed two low-enrollment schools in rural parts of the county (F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle), even though it offered six community-conversation sessions.

Describing himself as passionate about education, Baker said, as a trustee, acting in the best interest of students would be his No. 1 priority.

On the ideal role of the board and the superintendent, Baker said it’s best if it’s a “total team effort.”



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Five of the eight candidates running for two at-large seats on the Sumter School District Board of Trustees participated in a meet-the-candidates forum on Tuesday night on the main campus of Central Carolina Technical College.

Board members and the superintendent may not always agree, he said, because constituents may sway a trustee’s decision.

He said he would support a superintendent as long as that person acted in the best interest of students.

“I am accessible. I will listen. I will take suggestions and carry ideas back from the stakeholders to share with the board,” Baker said. “I am passionate about what I do. I am always punctual and first, and I will continue to do that. And I can promise you if I am elected, I will carry out all those things I shared with you.”

BONNIE DISNEY

The second current at-large member, Disney pointed to what the district has accomplished in the last 14 months since she was appointed to the board and Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm became the district’s new leader. Those accomplishments include increased partnerships with business and industry, moving forward with the concept of a technical high school and holding a three-day professional development conference for teachers during the summer, she said.

She said she’s been engaged as a board member and has the “energy and passion” to hold the position. Like Baker, Disney also said acting in the best interest of the child is most important and would meet with any, and all, stakeholders.

She offered that the board and district does want to make everyone happy, but, in the end, the district must do everything it can to educate the children and prepare for

today’s high-skills, knowledge economy.

In making key decisions as a board member, Disney said it’s important to listen to all stakeholders, but it’s also important to offer options and see what’s working elsewhere. She pointed to the positive things she thinks is happening at the K-8 R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy.

She said she thinks the district can continue to move forward.

“I want to serve this district because I believe I have the qualifications that will help us move to the next level,” Disney said. “We have so much potential. This county has the power to create one of the best districts in South Carolina and perhaps in the United States. We’re getting there. We cannot go backwards. We must choose carefully on the candidates we vote for.”

LLOYD HUNTER

A former principal in Sumter County schools and a former superintendent outside of Sumter, Hunter thinks the district must improve student achievement above current levels.

He thinks effective leadership, starting with the school principal, sets the stage for the best delivery of education to the students. Hunter also said he thinks an effective principal who can create a good school environment helps with recruitment and retention of teachers.

Community stakeholders are also important, Hunter said, and the district must lead the process to engage the community. As a board member, he said he would talk to as many people as

possible in making board decisions. Building relationships and trust within the community helps in the process of building consensus.

The key interest of the board should be student learning, he said.

“Schools exist to educate children,” Hunter said. “When that interest is served, then students receive a world-class education. The business’ interests is served, and the citizen’s interest is also served by having safer communities. So, by serving the interests of the students, then all interests in the community will be solved.”

Hunter emphasized his leadership experience in schools allowed him to effectively match skills and expertise to meet needs and said he can effectively handle the responsibilities of a school board member.

JAY LINGINFELTER

Pointing to his volunteer and leadership experience, Linginfelter said he thinks he can help foster an environment where people work together in a spirit of cooperation with the end result of helping students achieve more.

He said student achievement needs to be the key interest of the board and that supporting teachers can help in that process.

As far as stakeholder engagement, Linginfelter said he’s open to everybody and that building trust is important to building consensus. He also thinks he can work well with the legislative delegation and county council to help increase funding to the district.

“I am an open door to you,” Linginfelter said, as he

gave out his phone number to everyone in attendance at the forum and in a gesture to build trust.

He said he could bring “passion, vision and action” to the board.

“That’s what you’re going to get if I am elected,” he said.

BUBBA RABON

Rabon said student discipline and achievement are main concerns currently in the district. He said he would apply his business approach as a board member.

He emphasized education can be more equitable and beneficial for all children if vocational and career center programs were built up more in Sumter.

Rabon also said the main interest of the board should be the students, and when their best interests are served then other community interests will fall into place and be taken care of.

As a board member, he said getting involved with the students and the community would build trust, and he also encouraged community groups to get involved in the educational process.

As far as recruiting and retaining teachers, Rabon said increased school safety would help in this area, as well as increasing teacher pay.

Given his business background and some experience lobbying in Washington with lawmakers, he thinks he could help the district get extra funding.

“I’m a businessman,” Rabon said. “As far as money, with my experience in Washington, I think I can get our local governments to work with us.”

SHOOTING

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Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker has scheduled an autopsy for 9 a.m. Friday in Charleston.

According to McGirt, investigators think this shooting was an isolated incident and that Brown was not the in-

tended target.

About one hour prior to the drive-by shooting, officers responded to the Silver Street area after gunfire was reportedly heard and a house was struck.

Anyone who knows where Calvin Epps may be is asked to call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

A cash reward may be available for information leading to an arrest, and callers can remain anonymous.

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COMMENTARY

Future is now for Sumter's school board

Sumter Economic Development's mission is to be the galvanizing force of Sumter County's economic development effort by creating wealth for all citizens of Sumter County by increasing per-capita income and supporting the creation of well-paying jobs.

That being said, there are currently hundreds more jobs available and unfilled than available people with the appropriate skill sets to fill them. How do we continue to attract industry with the promise to provide them with the talent they need if we have gaps in our talent pool?

The answer is simple, focus our efforts on talent development in our schools.

There has never been a more opportune time to align all we do in recruiting new business and industry and assisting those who are expanding with the work of our educational system.

We know currently that the communities who are most successful in developing, training and growing *talent* are winning the game of economic growth. If we desire this outcome, then our school board must be at the forefront. It's their obligation, and we deserve the best, most efficient, effective and aligned board, working together for results. *Period.* End of story.

Keeping this in mind, the most critical race in the Nov. 6 election is for Sumter School Board, which will seat at least three *new* school board members and possibly five out of a total of nine seats. This gives Sumter an opportunity to move our public education system into a new era of de-

veloping a talent pipeline of the best and brightest minds in S.C.

It is absolutely imperative that we elect visionary, forward-thinking leaders to our school board. Teachers and students alike deserve a school board committed to a vision of high expectation of student achievement, of quality instruction *and* a board that sets clearly defined and understandable goals toward that vision. Now is the time to create a unified board with one goal in mind. We have some extraordinary talent in instruction, and we have amazing kids, and they deserve our best.

We need a school board that has strong *shared* beliefs and ethics — not infighting, politicking and parochial thinking. An organization that strives to teach children at high academic levels irrespective of location or former district affiliation will create the

foundation for new ideas and 21st century, global talent development. Poverty, lack of parental involvement, transportation or any other factors are challenges to overcome, not excuses. Because there is simply *no excuse*.

The elected members of the school board are entrusted with developing policies that enhance the district's ability to create tools and curriculum that meet today's high standards and meet the needs of future and present employers. According to researchers Goodman, Zimmerman and Fulbright, the "highest-performing school boards are focused on establishing a vision supported by policies that target student achievement." The school board of our future should be accountability driven and spend less time on operational issues and more time focused on policies that improve student achievement.

So, what does all this mean?

It means we cannot afford to miss this opportunity of having a voice in the election of our local school board and moving our school district from good to great! It means we must go to the polls on Nov. 6 and elect candidates for five school board seats that have the skills and acumen to deliver on the needs of our future talent pipeline. Once elected, we must hold them accountable as citizens to create a unified vision and district goals to become the highest-achieving school district in the state. Our future and the future of our community is at a turning point, and each of us has an obligation to Sumter's children through our vote to keep moving in a positive, forward direction.

Tomorrow can't wait. The future is now.

Jay Schwedler is president and CEO of Sumter Economic Development.



Jay Schwedler

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NORMAN HELPS TO SOLVE ISSUES FACING HIS CONSTITUENTS

Ralph Norman has done an exemplary job representing the Fifth District. An example is his organizing multiple opioid summits, bringing diverse interests together to solve this problem. Another is his getting involved to solve a veterans issue with the VA. This veteran, an acquaintance, was pleased how quickly it was resolved after he contacted Congressman Norman.

Congressman Norman's opponent has no political experience. My understanding is that he spent most of his working career overseas and did not once vote in a U.S. election during that time. This indicates to me that he has no true, deep interest in helping the country prosper. I, too, worked overseas and did not once miss voting. My final concern is that should Mr. Parnell be elected, he will come under the spell of Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. It is the only path to the better assignments in the lockstep party line Democrat structure. Personally, it is not in my best interest to vote to rescind the tax cut, restrict business with more regulation and promote open borders. We have record low unemployment in traditionally lower-employment groups. A surplus of jobs allows wages to rise, benefitting those same groups. Do we want to return to the past? The open borders especially takes lower-level jobs from those already here and struggling. Without firm borders, do we really have a country?

Finally, the Republicans are not perfect but certainly the superior choice if you value your own interests as well as those of the country long term. Ralph Norman is an example of that superiority.

RALPH BAKER
Sumter

SUMTER NEEDS A DEPENDABLE CHOICE SUCH AS DAVIS ON COUNCIL

I've known Colin Davis for 20-plus years. I have found him to be honest and straightforward. Colin has been a person I can depend on. Colin has come through time and time again in our business relations. I find Colin to be a trustworthy guy, someone who will keep his word; that is hard to find these days. Colin is the kind of person who can walk, chew bubble gum, juggle, hop on one leg and still get his job done. The term taskmaster would fall short of Colin's abilities. I know Colin will work not only hard, but smart; Sumter needs that!

MIKE BOAN
Sumter

DAVIS IS INVESTED IN SUMTER, NEEDS OUR SUPPORT NOV. 6

I write this letter in support of Colin Davis for election to the Sumter City Council. I have known his family and him since his youth. Colin is invested in Sumter. He is an example of our best young people coming back home to contribute to the community from which he has benefited. At 38 years old, he has already served four years

on the Zoning Board of Appeals, where he has shown himself to be dedicated and reliable in attendance and attention to detail. He and his family are active, contributing members of First Presbyterian Church of Sumter. Colin is winsome, approachable and open to the ideas of others. He is a good communicator and has the courage to stand fast on what he believes.

Our community would do well to have Colin Davis on our city council. I thank him for what he has already done and support him for Sumter City Council. I ask that you please give him your support, too.

RICHARD C. 'DICKIE' JONES
Sumter

SHOWER SHAW WITH COOKIES IS BACK FOR ITS 26TH YEAR

It's that special time of the year for a favorite project of Sumter Volunteers. It's time to "Shower Shaw With Cookies" for the 26th Christmas.

This annual project, begun in 1993, gives the Sumter community an opportunity to show our gratitude for all Shaw does for us all year long.

Last year, the community sent a record-breaking 5,131 dozen home-baked cookies and 4,750-plus cards out to Shaw. A batch of homemade cookies or candy from the good cooks of Sumter County will once again spread holiday cheer to this special group. The handmade cards and letters from our students and children are appreciated immensely. Remember to bake an extra batch for our Third Army folks!

Your cookies and cards can be delivered to Swan Lake Visitors Center by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Cookies need to be homemade, packed in disposable containers and numbered by dozens on the outside. (Boxes and tins work better than plastic bags.) Call (803) 775-7423 if you will bake for us. The earlier you can get them in, the better. Shaw will pick them up the same day.

Let's continue to let Shaw know how much we appreciate them. Baking cookies and making cards, these simple acts of kindness will warm the holidays for these special folks who have been a very important part of our community for 77 years.

Sumter, let's shower Shaw with cookies and cards!

JO ANNE MORRIS
Director, Sumter Volunteers

VOTERS WILL DO WELL TO RE-ELECT GALIANO TO CITY COUNCIL

I endorse Bob Galiano for city council.

From a personal standpoint, I served with Bob on council for 16 years. I saw him work to build a consensus on council for actions in the best interest of our community. His experience and his knowledge of the issues equip him to serve the citizens of Sumter well.

Voters in Bob's district will do well for themselves by re-electing Robert "Bob" Galiano to city council.

WALTER G. NEWMAN
Sumter

DAVIS WILL LOOK OUT FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS IF HE'S ELECTED

I'm writing this letter in reference to the character and integrity of my friend Colin Davis and his desire to run for city council. I was introduced to Colin about 10 years ago, and we have since formed a good friendship. He has always been honest and has shown wisdom beyond his years. You can learn a lot about someone by doing business with them and placing trust in their hands, and Colin has consistently responded in a manner that respects the agreement entrusted to him, while showing grace and kindness. It is refreshing to see how he has responded in those moments. Colin serves with a compassionate heart and genuinely cares about people in need — but he doesn't stop there. When faced with an opportunity to help someone in need, I have witnessed Colin's generosity. Serving is in his blood, and Colin not only looks out for his own needs, but also the needs of others. These are important traits to serve on city council.

MARK CHAMPAGNE
Sumter

DISNEY IS MOST QUALIFIED OF AT-LARGE BOARD CANDIDATES

On Nov. 6, voters will have their say regarding candidates running for public office at the state and federal levels of our government. However, local candidate decisions loom large, too, especially as it relates to electing the most "qualified and respected" school board officials. It's important to remember that each voter has an opportunity to cast his/her vote for both a "designated" district board candidate *and* two at-large board candidates. The at-large board vacancies are non-partisan, meaning no Democrat or Republican affiliation.

With this said and for full disclosure, I intend to cast my vote for Bonnie Disney, a current at-large incumbent and candidate for the same position in this year's election. The reasons are many, as she is the most qualified of all at-large candidates. Not only does she possess the credentials and experience, she has fully demonstrated her dedication to her school board responsibilities in her capacity as at-large incumbent. She has taken the initiative to routinely visit each district school, speak directly with parents, teachers, administrators, and then follow up on issues of concern expressed by each group. Proactive! Committed to educational excellence! Immensely qualified! Impeccable character! These are facts. And, based on these facts, Bonnie Disney has earned my vote.

So, I encourage you to cast your vote for Bonnie Disney for an at-large school board position on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

KEN PRIVETTE
Sumter

DAVIS HAS STRONG WORK ETHIC HE WILL USE TO SERVE SUMTER WELL

I've had the privilege of knowing Mr. Colin Davis since our wives became friends with newborn babies

nine years ago. During this time, I've gotten to know him very well. Mr. Davis has one of the strongest work ethics of anyone I know. He handles his career at Barnett's Auto Parts here in Sumter with the determination to deliver a quality product, provide excellent customer service and provide a positive work atmosphere for all involved. Colin has a strong faith in God. He sets a good example of what it means to be a Christian in his personal life and career.

Mr. Davis is truly a good family man. His commitment to provide a good relationship with his wife and two girls really sets the bar for me as I have a wife and two girls myself. Mr. Davis is an ethical person. I believe this is key in today's society to have a leader with sound morals and values.

I wanted to share what I know about Colin Davis for those that may not have met him yet or know him as I do. I have full confidence that Colin Davis will be an amazing asset to city council and the citizens of Ward 5. He will handle this position as he does all other aspects of his life. A strong work ethic, faith, honesty and family values will allow him to serve the citizens of Sumter well.

DR. JASON HARKEY
Sumter

RAGIN WILL HELP STUDENTS GROW, EXCEL IN THEIR STUDIES

Shawn Ragin will make a wonderful addition to the Sumter School District Board. I have worked with Mr. Ragin for nearly seven years. He is equipped with a wealth of wisdom and knowledge about school operations. He owns a private school, Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy, that also functions as an afterschool academy for public school students.

He is an avid supporter of public education. As a product of public education in Sumter County, he certainly understands the needs and concerns of the children. Ragin was employed by Sumter Schools prior to the consolidation of both districts. He was also employed in the Lee County School District. He has a passion for uplifting our youth and giving them hope for the future.

He empowers them daily in his own program at Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy, at various churches around the community, on several platforms and through personal efforts. His drive for success is not a personal or selfish plight. It has always been about how he can help and uplift others. His natural leadership abilities are evident. We need his youth, wisdom, drive, sincerity and dedication in Sumter County. His presence is valid because of his ability to inspire and evoke a sense of pride and hope in everyone around him.

Please vote Shawn Ragin for the Sumter School District at-large seat on Nov. 6, 2018. If you have a child in the district, this choice is important. You want someone in office who genuinely wants to see your child excel and grow. Make the right decision.

IESHIA FARMER
Sumter

AROUND TOWN

Clarendon School District One will conduct free vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings as part of a child find effort to identify students ages 3-5, who may need special education services and are not enrolled in a public school. Screenings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon at the Summerton Early Childhood Center, 8 South St., Summerton, on the following Tuesdays: Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 2019; Feb. 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019; and May 14, 2019. Call Robert Collar at (803) 574-2117.

A leukemia cancer benefit for Jarama Johnson will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Johnson's Bootcamp & Personal Training of Sumter, 1150 Old W. Liberty St. The benefit will feature a drop-in style workout, where participants can come and go as they please. Open to the public, participants are asked to make a monetary donation to help the Johnson family with medical bills and expenses. Ms. Johnson is battling stage 4 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia while caring for her 15-year-old son who is awaiting a liver transplant. Donations can also be made through the My Cash App at \$bootcamp101. If donating through the app, please note the leukemia benefit. Contact Eric Johnson at (803) 983-6711 for more information.

A scriptural based conversation on race, sponsored by the One Sumter Community Group in conjunction with Faith Denominations and other Sumter organizations, will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Neal-Jones Auditorium on the campus of Morris College, 100 W. College St. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$7. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 30. Register by emailing corrsvp@gmail.com. Call (803) 464-3428 for information.

The Mary McLeod Bethune Section National Council of Negro Women will host a free "Fall Fiesta" at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. The public is invited.

The Sumter Life Chain, hosted by Sumter County Citizens for Life, will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, on Broad Street. Call Hugh Wilson at (803) 468-6509 or Brandi Hall at (803) 464-1918 for details.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 will present its fall dance 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Satur-

day, Nov. 10, at 310 Palmetto St. Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Casual attire but no sneakers and no jeans. DJ Smoove will provide music. There will be food and door prizes. Call Mattie at (803) 468-1299 or Janetia at (803) 406-8038.

The Sumter County Veterans Association's Veterans Day program will be held on Monday, Nov. 12, on the lawn of the old Sumter County Courthouse on North Main Street. The program will begin at 11 a.m. with Col. Derek O'Malley, 20th Fighter Wing commander, serving as keynote speaker. Prior to the program, there will be a Veterans Day parade at 10 a.m. on Main Street. The program will honor all veterans, living or deceased, for the service they have given and continue to give to keep our country free. Call Larry E. Huff, chairman of the Sumter County Veterans Association, at (803) 236-1203 or (803) 494-2894 for information.

The next Dream Team Event will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Sumter Resource Center. Call (803) 774-7776 for information.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

The Sumter County Museum's 21st Annual Carolina Backcountry Oyster Roast will be held 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 122 N. Washington St. Tickets: \$40 for members; \$50 for non-members; and \$55 at the door (if available). Enjoy all-you-can-eat oysters, barbecue, chili, collards, beer, wine and soft drinks. Call (803) 775-0908 or visit www.sumtercountymuseum.org.

The Daffodils & Silver Bells Arts and Craft Show will be held 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at 30 S. Artillery Drive. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help support United Ministries. Event will also help support Kat's Special Kneads Small Animal Shelter. Santa will visit on Sunday noon-3 p.m. with photos with G&W Photo Art.

The Evening Optimist Club's annual Sumter Christmas Parade will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, on Main Street. This year's theme is "Joy to the World."

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't look for trouble.

Spend time getting things done, not complaining about what others are doing. A passionate approach to whoever you help or whatever you pursue will be what impresses others the most. Address your feelings before you make a personal change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Instead of making a fuss, make a change. If you don't like something, it's up to you to act. Anger solves little, but making a decision and putting an end to what isn't working will make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make some adjustments at home that will add to your convenience. Do something that will change the way others view you. Update your qualifications, image or attitude to reflect greater professionalism as well as compassion and cooperation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick close to home, and don't take a risk that could lead to the loss of a friend, money or a deal that could leave you in jeopardy. Playing it safe will ease stress and ensure better days ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An emotional incident will bring about change. Try not to overreact or you may not be thrilled with the outcome. Look for a better way to solve an issue that is likely to pass as tempers wane. Choose peace and love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look at all the aspects of a situation before you react. The changes you make should be thought out and executed with precision and detail. Acting in haste or due to emotional duress will lead to a bigger problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): How you help others will make a difference. If you let someone bully you into doing something, it won't turn out well. However, if you offer what you know you can accomplish without jeopardizing your name or position, you'll succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take pride in what you do, or someone will point out your shortfall. A little extra attention to detail will spark a creative idea that will give you a competitive edge. A personal change will have a lasting impression.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Live within your means. Keep your personal matters to yourself, and don't brag about what you have. If you are too friendly or open, someone will take advantage of you. For the best results, save aggressively and live modestly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Offering a donation in order to impress someone will be costly. Only give what you can to organizations you care about. Don't let what others think rule your life. Be who you are, not who someone else wants you to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Treat relationships with care. Don't expect too much or give too much. Strive for equality and understanding first and see what happens. Use your intelligence and you'll come up with innovative ways to move forward personally and professionally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put in the time and reap the rewards. Don't wait for someone else to surpass you. Trust and believe in what you can do, and you will achieve what you set out to do. Think big but live within your means.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Periods of clouds and sunshine	Warm with thickening clouds	A shower and t-storm around	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Rain and drizzle possible
81°	66°	77° / 48°	68° / 44°	68° / 54°	69° / 58°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 30%
5-7-14 mph	5-7-14 mph	5-8-16 mph	WNW 6-12 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	ESE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

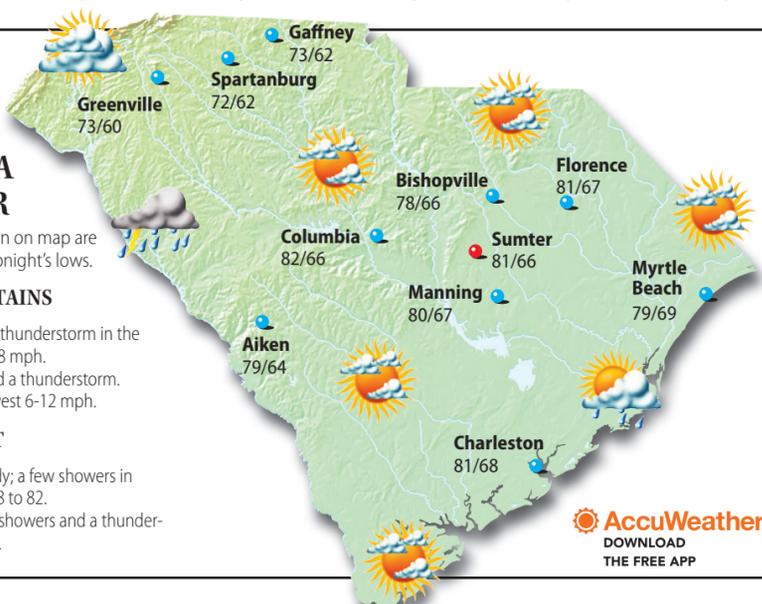
Today: A shower or thunderstorm in the area. Winds south 4-8 mph.

Friday: Showers and a thunderstorm. Winds south-southwest 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly cloudy; a few showers in central parts. High 78 to 82.

Friday: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm. High 75 to 79.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
74°	74°	44°	71°	45°	85° in 2009	29° in 1952

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"	0.00"	4.27"	3.45"	36.78"	32.57"	40.69"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	353.58	-0.12
Marion	76.8	75.91	none
Moultrie	75.5	75.24	-0.11
Wateree	100	96.63	-0.42

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.75	-0.15
Congaree River	19	4.61	-1.76
Lynches River	14	7.36	+0.32
Saluda River	14	3.22	-1.39
Up. Santee River	80	79.77	+0.02
Wateree River	24	15.55	-0.19

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:41 a.m.	Sunset	6:29 p.m.
Moonrise	1:05 a.m.	Moonset	3:07 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov. 7	Nov. 15	Nov. 23	Nov. 29

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	3:54 a.m.	3.0	10:40 a.m.	0.4
	4:22 p.m.	3.4	11:29 p.m.	0.5
Fri.	5:02 a.m.	3.1	11:47 a.m.	0.3
	5:26 p.m.	3.4	---	---

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	73/60/r	63/44/t
Chicago	53/41/pc	51/34/c
Dallas	62/45/s	71/48/s
Detroit	49/41/r	49/35/sh
Houston	67/46/s	71/49/s
Los Angeles	83/61/s	88/60/s
New Orleans	76/54/t	67/52/s
New York	68/60/pc	70/62/sh
Orlando	86/67/pc	86/61/pc
Philadelphia	73/65/pc	73/60/sh
Phoenix	78/55/pc	82/57/s
San Francisco	75/52/pc	70/52/s
Wash., DC	76/68/pc	74/55/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	66/60/r	64/40/c	Florence	81/67/pc	78/50/t
Athens	75/62/t	67/42/t	Gastonia	84/67/pc	80/47/t
Augusta	82/65/pc	74/44/t	Goldsboro	75/64/c	71/47/t
Beaufort	82/67/pc	79/49/t	Greensboro	80/68/pc	78/57/t
Cape Hatteras	76/69/pc	77/64/t	Hickory	80/69/sh	78/52/t
Charleston	81/68/sh	79/52/t	Jacksonville, FL	73/63/pc	71/46/t
Charlotte	76/64/c	71/45/t	La Grange	80/67/pc	78/52/t
Clemson	71/62/c	66/45/t	Marion	69/61/c	68/45/t
Columbia	82/66/pc	77/46/t	Port Royal	80/71/sh	77/54/t
Darlington	78/66/pc	75/51/t	Raleigh	81/50/t	81/50/t
Elizabeth City	77/65/pc	77/60/t	Rock Hill	85/67/pc	81/50/t
Elizabethtown	79/68/pc	77/54/t	Rockingham	73/62/r	64/42/c
Fayetteville	79/66/pc	77/55/t	Savannah	79/60/t	70/40/c
			Summerville	71/58/r	62/40/c
			Wilmington	81/69/pc	79/56/t
			Winston-Salem	72/62/c	70/46/t

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Brooke Whiteley shares a photo of her son, Graysen, dressed as a firefighter.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Hammond awaits Barons



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall running back Nathan Harris-Waynick tries to get through the Laurence Manning defense during the Barons' 16-13 overtime loss to the Swampcats last Friday in Manning. The Barons travel to face top-seeded Hammond, winners of 22 straight games, in the opening round of the SCISA 3A playoffs on Friday.

Wilson Hall gets shot at unbeaten Skyhawks in 3A opener

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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The Wilson Hall varsity football team had a chance last Friday to improve its lot, however slightly, in the upcoming SCISA 3A playoffs, which get underway Friday at four host sites around the

conference. The Barons fell 16-13 in overtime to Laurence Manning, however, solidifying their hold on eighth place in the conference and assuring themselves of a trip to face top-seeded Hammond in the opening round. Their game is set for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff

at Hammond in Columbia. Wilson Hall missed out on its scheduled regular-season meeting with Hammond when their September 14 date was scrubbed because of the arrival of Hurricane Florence. That game would have come on the heels of a 70-3

loss to First Baptist and a 44-7 loss to Porter-Gaud. The week off appears to have helped the Barons heal up and get back on track, and they bounced back the following week with a win over Pinewood Prep, beat

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PREP FOOTBALL

EC hopes progress takes them to 2A playoffs

BY DANNY KELLY
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Scott Cook believes his East Clarendon High School football team has played its best football the past two weeks. Now he hopes it will be enough to get the Wolverines into the 2A state playoffs.

East Clarendon will host Andrews on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Shad Hall Field for Senior Night in a game the Wolverines must win to make the playoffs.

"If we win, we're in," Cook said. "We can finish anywhere from third to sixth (in Region VII with a win), but whatever happens, happens."

East Clarendon is 1-3 in Region play and 1-7 overall, while Andrews is 2-2 in region play and 6-2 overall.

"We feel pretty good," Cook said of the Andrews game. "We played good all year, and

we played our best the last two weeks."

The Wolverines are coming off an impressive performance last week, beating Johnsonville 27-0 on the road. "Our offense, defense and special teams played well," Cook said. "It was a good team win."

Even though EC lost the week before, the fact that it played undefeated Carvers Bay a 28-7 contest. It was the fewest points scored by 7-0 Carvers Bay, which has scored 351 points on the season. Also, East Clarendon put up a touchdown against a team that has allowed just 53 points.

Andrews won its first six games of the season, but has lost its last two. Andrews lost to Mullins 48-22 two weeks ago and fell to Hannah-Pamplico 32-27 last week.

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East Clarendon quarterback Lane Robinson (9) runs with the ball during the Wolverines' 38-30 loss to Aynor earlier this season. East Clarendon hopes to close out the regular season on Friday with a win over Andrews and earn a spot in the 2A state playoffs.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Former LMA standout Cokley to play for New York JC

BY DANNY KELLY
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In his quest to continue his basketball career, former Laurence Manning Academy standout point guard Malik Cokley has made several stops. The newest one is with Niagara County Community College in Sanborn, New York.

Before ending up there, Cokley attended Mt. Zion Christian Academy in Durham, North Carolina, in 2017 before transferring to North Atlantic Basketball Academy in Ireland before the official start of the 2017-2018 season.

"Ireland competition was way harder (than I thought)," Cokley said. "Not everyone can say they played in Ireland."

Cokley is looking forward to what this season at Niagara will bring. "I'm very excited about the Niagara season. I didn't think I would be playing college basketball," he said. "Ev-

erything I did was to get here, and now I'm at the collegiate level."

Cokley said his experience at Laurence Manning with head coach Will Epps helped him out tremendously in his basketball career.

"Epps was very important," he said. "He taught me the stuff I know and told me what coaches want for recruiting. He also gave me advice when I was in Ireland."

Epps has nothing but praise for Cokley both on and off the court.

"He's a fun player to watch, he loves to play," Epps said. "He didn't care if he started or came off the bench. He was just ready to play, and when it was time to play, he played hard. He's one of those kids who you're blessed to be a part of his life and career."

Epps recalled Cokley's time playing at Laurence Manning.

He had a great first step and good

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Former Laurence Manning standout Malik Cokley will be playing for Niagara County Community College this season.

AUTO RACING

Truex out to prove lame duck team can win title

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Maybe Martin Truex Jr. is the driver to root for through the rest of the NASCAR playoffs after his last-lap loss to Joey Logano at Martinsville Speedway.

His generation of jet-setting, lakefront-living, well-compensated stars has not been all that relatable to the average fan, a problem for NASCAR as it tries to energize its aging audience. Truex, the reigning Cup Series champion, is typically mild-mannered and unemotional, despite a handful of outbursts the past few months.



TRUEX

Then came Sunday at Martinsville, where Truex was furious that Logano had used a bump-and-run to get past him for the victory. Truex had raced Logano clean over the final 10 laps to complete his pass for the lead without putting a scratch on Logano's car. Logano didn't show similar respect and used his car to shove Truex out of his way.

The move denied Truex a victory that would have guaranteed a spot in the final race where he could defend his championship. It also denied him his first career victory at a short track, and a chance to celebrate once again with his Furniture Row Racing team before it closes for good.

"I just took a cheap shot at the end there," Truex said. "I really wanted to win that race and feel like we definitely deserved it. We raced him clean. We passed him clean all day long and just outran him in the long run. It sucks, but that's the way it goes. I can promise you I won't forget what he did."

Truex vowed not to allow Logano to win the title and promised that he would be collecting his second consecutive Cup trophy.

It was a feisty version of Truex, a driver who has been dealt numerous setbacks at nearly every career turn.

In 2009, when Dale Earnhardt Inc. merged into Chip Ganassi Racing, Truex, a two-time Xfinity champion, no longer recognized his own team. He gave it two years before moving to Michael Waltrip Racing for a strong three seasons. That fell apart in spectacular fashion when he and his team were innocent beneficiaries in an organizational cheating scandal to get Truex into the playoffs.

He had nothing to do with the incident, but it cost his team a sponsor. Then the team folded, Truex needed to find another job, and he landed at Furniture Row, the oddball team based in suburban Denver.

When he finally bucked conventional wisdom and won a Cup title, his coronation was abruptly halted when his sponsor said it was leaving. And, just as Truex had learned with nearly every team in his career, when the sponsor goes the team doesn't typically survive.

Furniture Row Racing won't exist in a month. Barney Visser is shutting it down because he doesn't want to continue funding the single-car team without corporate funding. To remain in NASCAR, Furniture Row employees need to find new jobs, almost all of which are located in North Carolina.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

South Carolina No. 10 in preseason poll; Notre Dame No. 1

BY DOUG FEINBERG
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Muffet McGraw and Notre Dame start the new season where they left off — atop women's college basketball.

The Irish were the unanimous No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's basketball preseason poll that was released Wednesday.

The defending national champions received all 31 first-place votes from a national media panel. It's only the second time that McGraw's team has been the preseason No. 1 team. It also occurred in 2016. The Irish return four starters from last season's team that battled through a bunch of ACL injuries before winning the school's second national



AP FILE PHOTO

Notre Dame celebrates winning the women's basketball national title over Mississippi State in April. Notre Dame is ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll.

championship. McGraw was honored that the team was ranked first, but feels that

there are a lot of good teams in college basketball this year.

"Parity is creeping in. I think there are a lot of good teams that are on the radar and some that are under it. It will be interesting to see," she said. "People picked up some good freshmen."

UConn was second in the poll, ending a run of 34 consecutive weeks at No. 1. The Huskies have been in the top five every week since Jan. 29, 2007.

"We are No. 2 on reputation. I don't know we're No. 2 on merit, that's for sure," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We are like the Sophia Loren of basketball. We've looked good for a long time."

Oregon followed the Huskies, earning the best ranking in program history. The Ducks have lofty expectations this year.

"Look at what we've done in a few short years, that doesn't happen very often in a Power Five conference," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "It's hard to make a move in these conferences with established powers. I'm proud of what we've done and hope to keep it going. I felt this was a sleeping giant here. Everything was in place for us to be considered among the best programs. That's started to play itself out."

Baylor and Louisville were fourth and fifth.

Mississippi State, Stanford, Oregon State, Maryland and South Carolina rounded out the top 10 teams. Eight is the best ranking in the preseason for Oregon State in the program's history.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Turkish Airlines Open First Round (GOLF).
6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Paris Masters Early-Round Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
11 a.m. — Women's College Field Hockey: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Quarterfinal Match from Chapel Hill, N.C. — Boston College vs. Virginia (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
Noon — Professional Tennis: Paris Masters Early-Round Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. — Women's College Field Hockey: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Quarterfinal Match from Chapel Hill, N.C. — Duke vs. Syracuse (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Winnipeg vs. Florida from Helsinki, Finland (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — Women's College Field Hockey: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Quarterfinal Match from Chapel Hill, N.C. — Louisville vs. Wake Forest (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
4:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: Shriner's Hospital for Children Open First Round from Las Vegas (GOLF).
4:30 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: Southeastern Conference Tournament Semifinal Match from Orange Beach, Ala. (SEC NETWORK).
6 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — College Football: Northern Illinois at Akron (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Ohio at Western Michigan (ESPN).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: Southeastern Conference Tournament Semifinal Match from Orange Beach, Ala. (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Temple at Central Florida (ESPN).
8 p.m. — NFL Football: Oakland at San Francisco (WACH 57, NFL NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).
8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Eastern Conference Playoffs Knockout-Round Match — Columbus at D.C. (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
8 p.m. — International Gymnastics: World Gymnastics Championships from Doha, Qatar — Women's All-Around Competition (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee at Boston (TNT).
8:30 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Colorado State at Air Force (STADIUM).
9 p.m. — College Exhibition Basketball: Westminster (Utah) at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
10:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Western Conference Playoffs Knockout-Round Match — Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles (ESPN2, UNIVISION).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans at Portland (TNT).
11 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Japan Classic First Round from Ibaraki, Japan (GOLF).
3 a.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Elite Trophy Zhuhai Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
5 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Turkish Airlines Open Second Round (GOLF).

Chicago	4	3	0	.571	194	144
Minnesota	4	3	1	.563	197	195
Green Bay	3	3	1	.500	175	173
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	171	186

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	8	0	0	1.000	264	155
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	171	131
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	110	199
San Francisco	1	7	0	.125	173	236

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Oakland at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
 Green Bay at New England, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati

MONDAY'S GAMES
Tennessee at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11
 Arizona at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 New England at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Miami at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Minnesota, Denver, Baltimore, Houston

MONDAY, NOV. 12
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	7	1	.875	—
Boston	5	2	.714	1½
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	3
Brooklyn	2	5	.286	4½
New York	2	5	.286	4½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	4	4	.500	—
Miami	3	4	.429	½
Orlando	2	5	.286	1½
Atlanta	2	5	.286	1½
Washington	1	6	.143	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	7	0	1.000	—
Detroit	4	2	.667	2½
Indiana	4	3	.571	3
Chicago	2	5	.286	5
Cleveland	1	6	.143	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	4	2	.667	—
New Orleans	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	4	2	.667	—
Dallas	2	5	.286	2½
Houston	1	5	.167	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	5	1	.833	—
Portland	5	2	.714	½
Utah	4	2	.667	1
Minnesota	3	4	.429	2½
Oklahoma City	2	4	.333	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	7	1	.875	—
Sacramento	5	3	.625	2
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	2½
L.A. Lakers	2	5	.286	4½
Phoenix	1	5	.167	5

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Denver at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Boston, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Washington, 8 p.m.
 New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Toronto at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	11	8	2	1	17	41
Toronto	12	8	4	0	16	42
Boston	12	7	3	2	16	37
Montreal	11	6	3	2	14	34
Buffalo	12	6	4	2	14	31
Ottawa	11	4	5	2	10	36
Detroit	12	3	7	2	8	30
Florida	9	2	4	3	7	28

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	10	6	2	2	14	43
N.Y. Islanders	11	6	4	1	13	36
Carolina	12	6	5	1	13	36
Washington	10	5	3	2	12	39
Columbus	11	6	5	0	12	39
New Jersey	9	5	3	1	11	31
Philadelphia	12	5	7	0	10	35
N.Y. Rangers	12	4	7	1	9	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	9	3	0	18	42
Colorado	12	7	3	2	16	41
Minnesota	12	7	3	2	16	35
Winnipeg	12	7	4	1	15	35
Chicago	12	6	3	3	15	41
Dallas	11	6	5	0	12	34
St. Louis	10	3	4	3	9	36

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	12	6	3	3	15	41
Calgary	13	7	5	1	15	41
Vancouver	13	7	6	0	14	36
Edmonton	11	6	4	1	13	32
Arizona	11	6	5	0	12	31
Anaheim	13	5	6	2	12	37
Vegas	12	5	6	1	11	27
Los Angeles	11	3	7	1	7	22

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

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Winnipeg vs. Florida at Helsinki, FIN, 2 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Vegas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
 Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Florida vs. Winnipeg at Helsinki, FIN, 2 p.m.
 Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Carolina at Arizona, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Ottawa at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
 Edmonton at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Boston at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 Carolina at Vegas, 10 p.m.
 Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
(Subject to change)

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

SOUTH
Temple (5-3) at UCF (7-0), 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST
 N. Illinois (5-3) at Akron (4-3), 7 p.m.
 Ohio (5-3) at W. Michigan (6-3), 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

EAST
Penn (5-2) at Cornell (3-4), 6 p.m.

SOUTH
 Pittsburgh (4-4) at Virginia (6-2), 7:30 p.m.
 W. Kentucky (1-7) at Middle Tennessee (5-3), 8 p.m.

FAR WEST
Colorado (5-3) at Arizona (4-5), 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

TRUEX FROM PAGE B1

Truex and crew chief Cole Pearn are expected to stay with Toyota and move to Joe Gibbs Racing. Truex, win or lose this championship, is going to land on his feet.

For nearly 10 years, Truex has kept his mouth shut more times than should reasonably be expected.

Yet his frustration has slowly simmered as his days with Furniture Row wind

down. He thought he had a car capable of getting him his first short track victory back in August at Bristol, but he was wrecked and angrily kicked his damaged vehicle. Truex seethed after Jimmie Johnson spun him racing for the win at Charlotte. A week later in Dover, Truex was racing for a top-five finish when he was collected in an accident with four laps re-

maining. He was in an accident in overtime at Talladega a week after that.

Then came Martinsville, where Truex finally had enough.

"Everybody said we were out, said we couldn't run good at Martinsville, we don't run good at short tracks, our team's shutting down so we can't make it to the championship four," Truex said. "Yeah, I'm going to show everybody."

Next up is this weekend's race at Texas Motor Speed-

way, where Truex has never won but was second last fall. A tire problem caused him to finish last at Texas earlier this season.

Truex goes into Sunday's race 25 points above the cutline, tied with Kevin Harvick for third in the playoff standings with three spots in Miami still up for grabs. Those slots were assumed to go to "The Big 3" or Truex, Harvick and Kyle Busch, the trio that dominated the regular season. That is no longer a

given, and Truex could be the odd man out.

"We have faced plenty of adversity in the playoffs so far but we're still in it," Truex said. "Our guys at the track and at the shop are giving everything they have. They all want that championship as bad as I do. None of us are quitting because the team is shutting down at the end of the season. We all have one mission and that's to successfully defend our championship."

ECHS FROM PAGE B1

Cook knows what his team is up against when Andrews comes to town. “They’re powerful, big boys,” he said. “They have a good quarterback (junior Francis Brown) and fullback

(sophomore Keshawn Williams), and their defense is good.”

In eight games, Brown has completed 42 of his 86 passes for 702 yards, 14 touchdowns and five picks. He’s also run the ball 71 times for 471 yards and three scores.

Williams has rushed 78 times for 664

yards and eight touchdowns, and senior running back Michael Pipkin has recorded 84 carries for 476 yards and three scores.

“They play old school football, which is what I like; they power you,” Cook said. “It’s going to come down to if we can stop the run and stop that

fullback they got.”

The Wolverines have an advantage playing the game at home.

“We have a good crowd,” Cook said. “They’re supportive, they have class and character and never degrade the other team. For our seniors, it’s their last night playing at Shad Hall.”

COKLEY FROM PAGE B1

handles,” he said. “He averaged 9.5 to 10 points and almost three assists a game over his career. We won con-

ference all three years he was here with about 20 wins a year and we only lost once in conference play.”

Cokely stands 6 feet, 1 inch tall, but Epps said he played him all over the court.

“One time we asked him to

guard a 6-8 guy on the other team,” he said. “He never batted an eye, he just played. He was glad to do whatever we asked him.”

Epps hopes things go well for Cokely at Niagara.

“I’m happy for this opportu-

nity for him because he’s so selfless,” he said.

Cokely said he likes Niagara so far.

“Niagara is great. I like the area and I’m right across the street from Canada,” he said. “It’s nice and has a big cam-

pus with dorms, and most junior colleges don’t have dorms. I signed the week after my visit to Niagara.”

Niagara’s first game is on Saturday against Lehigh Carbon Community College on the road.

HALL FROM PAGE B1

Augusta Christian and Thomas Sumter and suffered respectable losses to Ben Lippen, Cardinal Newman and Laurence Manning down the stretch.

While the Barons are playing their best football of the season, however, so is Hammond. The Skyhawks, coached by former USC quarterback Erik Kimrey, have been all but untouchable. Aside from their 15-12 season-opening victory over Charlotte Country Day and a 28-21 victory over First Baptist, Hammond has won its games by an average margin of 32 points. Kimrey’s team is in search of what would be his 10th state title and sixth unbeaten season

IF YOU'RE GOING

Wilson Hall at Hammond

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Hammond Stadium
854 Galway Lane, Columbia, S.C.

since taking over the program in 2004. Hammond has won 22 straight games.

“We’re excited to have gotten this far,” said Wilson Hall head coach Adam Jarecki, whose team enters the playoffs with a 3-6 record. “It gives our seniors another game, and gives our underclassmen another week to work and get better. We’re going to play hard and hope we can compete — that’s our goal, to compete.”

The Skyhawks are led by quarterback Jackson Muschamp, whose father is University of South Carolina head football coach Will Muschamp, and running back Jordan Burch, who has been a dominant force in the backfield, as well as on the defensive line. Hammond runs a spread offense that gets a lot of talented players involved and puts up a lot of points. Four different receivers caught touchdown passes for the Skyhawks in building a 41-0 halftime lead over Laurence Manning.

“They’re special. I mean — they’re good,” Jarecki said. “They’ve got some special kids, no doubt. But they’re so well-coached. They’ve got solid numbers and they do things right. They’ve got depth where they can play guys one way and they

focus on one side of the ball. They really do a good job, and there’s a reason they’re winning year in and year out. They’ve really turned that into a powerhouse over there.”

The Barons are led by running backs Landon Van Patten and Nathan Harris and defensively by Grey Holler and linebacker Mitchell Matthews, the *Sumter Item*’s Defensive Player of the Week this week.

“We’re going to try to do what we do,” Jarecki said. “Try to control the ball and keep it from them as much as we can, and we’ve just got to take care of ourselves and make sure we’re doing things right. We’ve got a couple of kids that are going to be out, and that will make a difference, but we’ve just got to play hard and compete. That’s our goal.”

OBITUARIES

ROMIE CONYERS

MANNING — Romie Conyers, 71, husband of Camilla Aiken Conyers, died on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018.

He was a son of the late Frank Conyers and Hattie Mae Nelson.

Funeral services for Mr. Conyers will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with Apostle Michael Aiken Sr. officiating and Apostle Robert Wilson Jr., Prince Sampson Pearson and the Rev. Herman Blanding assisting. Burial will follow at the Manning Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at 216 Packard Lane, Manning.

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

ETHEL LEE S. TINDAL

Ethel Lee Samuels Tindal, 83, widow of Robert Davis Tindal, died on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018.

She was a daughter of the late Anthony and Maybelle Dixon Samuels.

Funeral services for Mrs. Tindal will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 803 S. Harvin St., Sumter, with the Rev. Marion Newton, pastor, officiating, and Elder James Robinson and Minister Richard Simmons assisting. Burial will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at her residence.

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

ANNA RUTH MCKNIGHT

Funeral services for Anna Ruth McKnight will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Mulberry Baptist Church, 1400 Mulberry Church Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Leroy Blanding, pastor, officiating. Internet will follow at the church cemetery.

A public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary. Anna Ruth was born on April 28, 1936, in Sumter, to the late James and Otencia Gaymond Pringle. She was the widow of Willie H. McKnight Sr.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, six sisters and three brothers.

Anna Ruth departed this life on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in Sumter.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: two daughters, Ella McKnight and Marion McKnight; two sons, Willie McKnight and Woodrow (Delores) McKnight Sr.; two sisters, Mary Mack and Odell Dukes; three sisters-in-law, Janie L. McKnight, Rosa M. McKnight and Earline McKnight; brother-in-law, Ramsey McKnight; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and other family members that will be saddened by her passing.

The family is receiving friends at 424 Love St., Sumter.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.

WILBERT LEE WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Wilbert Lee Williams will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Archie Temoney officiating.

The public may view from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel. Mr. Williams, 71, transitioned on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, at his residence in Sumter.

Born in Alcolu, he was a son of the late Wallace Williams Sr. and Mary Eliza Sheriff Williams Seymore. Wilbert, affectionately known as Will and “WLW,” was reared in a Christian home and attended the public schools of Sumter County. He was married to the late Essie M. Taylor and to this union two children were born, Lawanda and Tammy, who both preceded him in death. Mr. Williams was employed by West Best Meats Inc., Rainair Production and finally L&W Car Wash.

In addition to his parents and children, he was also preceded in death by, two brothers, Henry Lee “Buster” Williams and Negrant Williams; and a foster brother, J.C. Jones.

Survivors include sisters, Eva Mae Hambrick, Mary Ellen (Harold) Britton, Ida Mae Britton, Gwendolyn Alice Hicks and Sally Seymore Gilbert, all of Sumter; brothers, Wallace (Gloria) Williams Jr. of Alcolu, Lewis (Barbara) Williams, Johnny L. Williams and Joe (Lillarwiese) Seymore, all of Sumter; and Thomas E. Seymore of Virginia; foster brothers, the Rev. Charles (Roberta) Davis of Greenville and Calvin Davis of Bishopville; foster sister, Mary Davis of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, stepsons and friends.

Condolences may be made

on his tribute page found at www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.



MARTHA T. DARGON

Martha T. Dargon, 84, departed her earthly life on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Sept. 20, 1934, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Luther Jackson and Georgeanne Singleton. Her education included a high school diploma and numerous on-the-job required training certifications. She successfully completed a 30-year professional career in the New York City banking industry.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Richard Dargon; two daughters, Linda Carter and Gardenia Dargon; four brothers, George Randolph Goodlett, Deacon Haywood Jacobs, Charles Pollack and David Dargon; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, family members and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 5565 Old Camden Highway, Rembert.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Richard Addison officiating, eulogist.

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

Burial will be at Hopewell Baptist Churchyard Cemetery, 3285 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williams-funeralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com

FAYE E. COULLIETTE

PINEWOOD — Faye Elliott Coulliette, 87, widow of Charles Christopher Coulliette, died on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018.

Born on Oct. 29, 1931, in Pinewood, she was the 10th child of the late Wayne Vivian Elliott Sr. and Annie Lou Britton Elliott. Mrs. Coulliette was a lifelong member of Pisgah Pentecostal Holiness Church and also enjoyed fellowship at Andrews Chapel UMC.

Surviving are one sister, Ethel Barwick (D.L.) of Pinewood and scores of adoring nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

by dearly loved siblings: Wayne, Marion, DuValle, Richard, Virginia, Ida, Joy, Abie, Tony and Walden.

After Pinewood High School, Faye graduated from Emmanuel College and was employed in medical records. She left that occupation upon their engagement, realizing that the Southern sportsman had his mind set on being an accomplished farmer and that he would need a full time wife to keep house, cook, garden, keep farm books and track his whereabouts when hunting and fishing. Charles insisted that his new fiancée learn to drive and it is rumored that she insisted he give up smoking. Faye managed Charles’ life as best she could and still daily visited her widowed mother and older sister, Joy, for afternoon tea. That tradition became a caregiving role decades later but all five sisters ramped up their Saturday fun with a Joy ride to town for some delicacy such as fried chicken or soft serve ice cream. Faye enjoyed it as much as Joy did! During her whole life, Faye willingly poured herself into supporting her family. She read her Bible daily and wrote out many prayers for all of their extended family. Hospitality to her meant hosting Thanksgiving, New Year’s Eve shindigs, fish fries, graduation parties, wedding receptions, Sunday dinners and missionary guests from India and Africa. She and Charles often accompanied close family on mountain trips or beach vacations and repeatedly they found something historic to take in wherever you were. You were extra special if you got to sit in the front seat of their Buick right between them! It was a different kind of special, however, to be in the kitchen with Charles and Faye. One minute seemed like a Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood episode and the next was like Bonanza comes to Mayberry. Mixing bowls were spinning, pots were boiling, the sink water was running and Faye was always looking for some “doggit” something Charles couldn’t find. What better time to learn how decades of marital love endures when you’re young and impressionable and up to your elbows in something you don’t even like to eat. Whether it swam, ran, flew or grew in their large garden, it likely passed through a kitchen with blue countertops and blue wallpaper in Panola and either ended up in a jar on the shelf or in a bag in the freezer, just waiting to become part of some big dinner or be given away in a sack. Besides the “usual” home canning, brave and loving nieces and nephews learned by helping make wheat biscuits, homemade ice cream, peanut brittle, spice cookies, fruitcake, blackberry acid, sea foam candy and anything chocolate! Knowing

Charles and Faye well meant that you learned from them how to take the good with the bad, work hard, enjoy your free time and to surround yourself with those who love you.

A celebration of Faye’s life by way of funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Pisgah Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pinewood with David Elliott, Delmar Jenkinson and D.L. Barwick officiating.

Burial will follow at the Elliott Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to World Missions Ministries for Robert Daniel Murmu, Account 23000P, P.O. Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157 or to the Elliott Family Cemetery Association, in care of Miriam B. Johnson, 2430 Tearcoat Road, Alcolu, SC 29001.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



MARCUS ANTHONY BROWN

Marcus Anthony Brown, 54, departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, in Sumter.

He was born on March 11, 1964, in Bronx, New York, to Jeanette Holliday Brown and the late Thomas Brown Jr.

The family is receiving friends at 24 S. Walker St., Sumter.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC.

GLADYS COOK CLAVON

LYNCHBURG — Gladys Cook Clavon, of Lynchburg, died on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

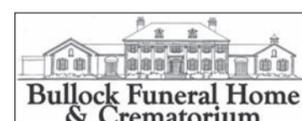
The family is receiving friends at 61 McLeod St., Lynchburg.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Jefferson Funeral Home Service Inc. of Lynchburg.

PETER ZAPPALA

Peter Zappala, age 59, beloved husband of Maura Zappala, died on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



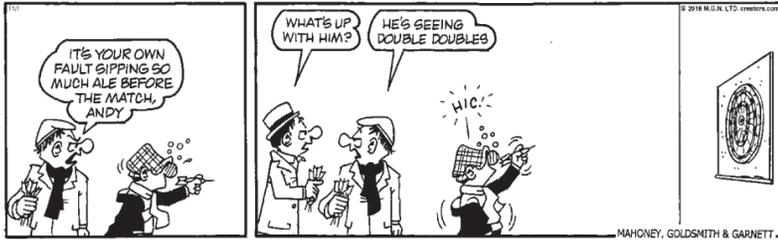
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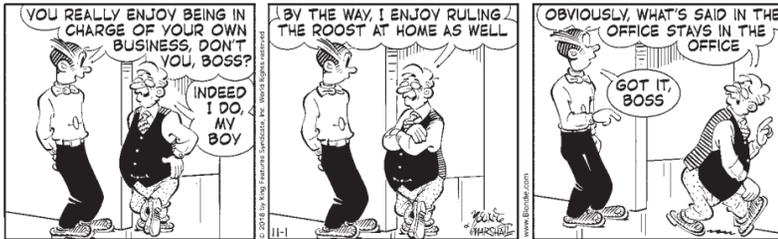
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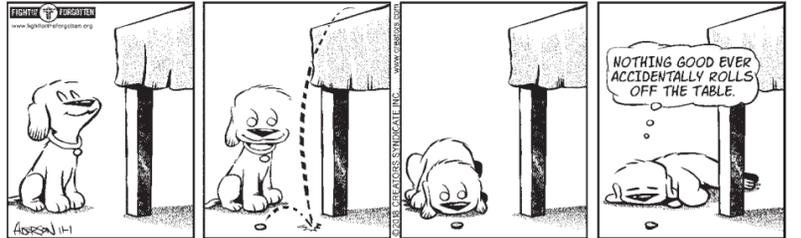
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Co-worker greatly concerned over woman's health



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have a co-worker I work closely with. Almost every day I hear her throwing up in the bathroom. It happens like clockwork. It's gotten to the point where I'm extremely concerned. Although it's been going on for years, it seems to have gotten worse.

or (in case that changes your advice). Do I mention this to HR? Our boss runs his mouth a lot, and I don't know if I can say anything without it getting around.

Worried for her

DEAR WORRIED — I wonder if anyone else you work with has noticed what you have. Talk to someone in HR and explain that you're concerned that a fellow employee (unnamed) may suffer from a life-threatening illness and need help. Point out the time the person goes into the bathroom "like clockwork," and let HR try to get her the medical intervention she so desperately appears to need. Throwing up repeatedly can result in digestive tract damage.

DEAR ABBY — Why has the word "veggies" replaced "vegeta-

bles"? When people say "veggies," to me it sounds like they are talking to a child.

Grownup eater in Georgia

DEAR EATER — It's probably because "vegetables" has at least three syllables and people have a tendency to shorten words that have more than one syllable. It may also be because parents think it's a way of making them appear more palatable to small children.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

LAGEE

RISVU

RIYFUP

VACRIA

Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: **THREW FLOOD SMOKER FIASCO**
Answer: Sleepy Hollow's legendary horseman liked to relax before he had to — **HEAD OFF TO WORK**



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

(Answers tomorrow)

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	1	5	6	4	3	2	9	8
2	6	9	1	7	8	4	3	5
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3	9	4	1	6	5	2	7	
1	4	6	5	8	2	3	7	9
8	3	7	4	9	1	6	5	2
9	5	2	3	6	7	1	8	4

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
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64											65			
66												67		

Jeffrey Wechsler

ACROSS

- 1 Keys sound
- 7 Running a temperature
- 14 Become too old to qualify
- 15 Howled
- 16 Coldplay lead singer Chris
- 17 Lamp fuel
- 18 Dude
- 19 Quarter
- 21 Home Depot employee garb
- 22 Italian thing
- 24 Farm enclosure
- 25 Yucatán native
- 28 Deep-sixes
- 31 "Wayward Pines" actress Melissa
- 34 Cooler in an apt. window
- 36 Bridal bio word
- 37 Suggestion
- 38 Today, e.g. ... or what is found in 12 puzzle answers
- 41 Having a fancy for
- 42 On the ___ vive
- 43 Just this far
- 44 Govt. prosecutors
- 45 Minty cocktail
- 47 Drilling tool
- 48 Usher family's creator

- 49 Long-dist. weapon
- 51 Calyx part
- 54 Lyft rival
- 56 Mix with a horse
- 59 Vex
- 61 Rating at a pump
- 64 Suffered greatly, in Sussex
- 65 Hard-to-take complainer
- 66 Catholic devotions
- 67 Irregular paper edge

DOWN

- 1 Doorway side
- 2 Bio lab gel
- 3 Archie's boss, in detective fiction
- 4 Understood
- 5 That guy, to Guy
- 6 Old lab burners
- 7 Bug with bounce
- 8 U.K. locale
- 9 Swells up
- 10 Hoarse
- 11 Ancient Roman road
- 12 Car-collecting comedian
- 13 Early venue for nudists?
- 15 Luau strings
- 20 British rule in India

- 22 Childish response to a dare
- 23 "Will do!"
- 24 Sport invented by hunters
- 25 Criminal group
- 26 Delivering excellent service to?
- 27 Asian tents
- 29 Loosen, as a bow
- 30 O.T. book
- 31 Where to claim miscellaneous credits on a W-4 form
- 32 ___ nous
- 33 Survey choice
- 35 Culinary topper
- 37 Hardly stimulating

- 39 Ending with hand or fist
- 40 Utah city with a Biblical name
- 45 Baseball's ___ Joe
- 46 Dessert slice
- 48 "These are the times that try men's souls" writer
- 50 Lots of people
- 51 Phillips of "I, Claudius"
- 52 Logician's word
- 53 B.C. or P.E.I.
- 54 Sport ___: vehicles
- 55 Garden area
- 56 Propane container
- 57 Turrow memoir
- 58 Just
- 60 Simile words
- 62 Guerrilla
- 63 Little jerk

Previous Puzzle Solved

S	A	G	A	W	N	B	A	U	T	E	S
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E	D	Y	S	H	E	A	P	B	L	E	D

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 Heidi Klum; 98 Degrees; KISS.	Superstore "Delivery Day" Amy and Dina give birth. (N)	The Good Place Eleanor makes a startling discovery.	Will & Grace Grace reveals a past secret. (N)	(-31) I Feel Bad A sappy David claims family. (N) (DVS)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Caretaker" SVU investigates a murdered family. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(-34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Pistol Annies" Pistol Annies perform. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	(-31) Young Sheldon (N) (DVS)	(-01) Mom Bonnie's new hobby troubles Adam. (N)	Murphy Brown The team readies for elections coverage.	S.W.A.T. "Never Again" The team hunts diamond thieves. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(-35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Chris Wallace; Cole Sprouse. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Home Sweet Home" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Flowers Grow Out of My Grave" Richard shares unexpected news. (N)		(-01) Station 19 "Do a Little Harm..." Sullivan hosts a training seminar. (N)	How to Get Away With Murder "We Can Find Him" Bonnie reunites with her sister. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(-35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Julia Roberts; Science Bob. (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe "The Heart of England"	Palmetto Scene	By The River "Ellen Malphrus: Untying The Moon"	Carolina Stories "Between The Waters"	Jamestown Redwick may stir up civil unrest.	Poldark on Masterpiece Ross faces successive failures.	Amanpour and Company (N)		The This Old House Hour		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz and Sheldon bond.	NFL on FOX Pre-game (N) (Live)	NFL Football Oakland Raiders at San Francisco 49ers. San Francisco tries to snap a six-game skid as it hosts Oakland. The Raiders dropped a 42-28 decision to the Colts in Week 8, marking just the second game this season in which Oakland has scored at least three TDs. The 49ers are 1-2 at home in 2018. (N) (Live)				WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike tries to cheer Eve up.	Last Man Standing Mike thinks Kyle is going to propose.	Supernatural "Mint Condition" Action figures come to life. (N)		Legacies "Some People Just Want to Watch the World Burn" Landon's disappearance raises suspicion. (N)	The Good Wife "Infamy" Will gets cozy with opposing counsel.	The Good Wife "Painkiller" A high school quarterback dies.		The Game Char-donnay hides her friendship.		
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 11.10.17" Riding along with law enforcement.		Live PD "Live PD -- 11.01.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N)			Live PD Presents: PD Cam	(-31) Live PD Presents: PD Cam (N)	(-03) Live PD Presents: PD Cam	(-33) Live PD Presents: PD Cam	(-12:03) Live PD		
AMC	48	180	(-30) *** "Under Siege" (1992) Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones.		** "Escape Plan" (2013, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Caviezel. A security expert must break out of a formidable prison.				*** "The Rock" (1996, Action) Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage, Ed Harris. Alcatraz Island terrorists threaten to gas San Francisco.					
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters		Big Cat Tales (N)		Crikey! It's the Irwins	The Steve Irwin Story: Steve Irwin's global impact.				Crikey... Irwins		
BET	61	162	(-01) *** "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold, Method Man. Passengers and crew party aboard an airliner.				(-05) *** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.					Hustle in Brooklyn Baggy outs Alicia for throwing shade.		
BRAVO	47	181	Shahs of Sunset MJ and Tommy prepare for their wedding.		Shahs of Sunset "Vida Knows Best" MJ manages her mother, Vida.		Shahs of Sunset "Bless This Mess" MJ takes an ill-advised detour. (N)	Shahs of Sunset "Bless This Mess" MJ takes an ill-advised detour.	Watch What Happens Live			Shahs of Sunset "Bless This Mess" MJ takes an ill-advised detour.		
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Beyond the Tank			Shark Tank		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)				Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "E-Mail Surveillance"	(-25) The Office "E-Mail Surveillance"	The Office Secret Santa gifts.	The Office "Booze Cruise"	The Office Michael demands attention.	The Office "The Secret"	The Office "The Carpet"	The Office "Boys and Girls"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(-31) The Jim Jeffries Show	(-12:01) South Park	
DISN	18	200	"Adventures in Babysitting" (2016) Sabrina Carpenter. Baby sitters and children spend a wild night in the city.		Under the Sea: Descendants		(8:55) Raven's Home	(-25) Stuck in the Middle					Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Alaskan Bush People "Call to Duty"		Alaskan Bush People "Rogue Bear" A bear destroys Bam's beehives. (N)			Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People (N)		Alaskan Bush		
ESPN	26	35	Countdown		College Football Temple at Central Florida. (N) (Live)					SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		Drone Racing		Drone Racing	To Be Announced	MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	Chopped Habanero peppers; beef jerky.		People's Sexiest Chef Alive		Chopped "Tacos and Tequila"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)				Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	(-10) *** "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) Voices of Danny Elfman. Animated. Halloween town's leader aims to kidnap Santa.				(8:50) *** "Inside Out" (2015, Children's) Animated. A girl's five emotions try to guide her through life.	Voices of Amy Poehler, Phyllis Smith.		The 700 Club		*** "Snowglobe" (2007)		
FSS	21	47	Hawks Pregame		NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)			Hawks Postgame	Hawks 4th Quarter	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Atlanta Hawks.				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "A December Bride" (2016) Jessica Lowndes, Daniel Lissing.		"Christmas Getaway" (2017, Romance) Bridget Regan, Travis Van Winkle, Raven Stewart. A travel writer decides to go on a Christmas trip, alone.			"Marry Me at Christmas" (2017, Romance) Rachel Skarsten, Trevor Donovan, Crystal Lowe. Wedding planner unexpectedly falls for the bride's brother.		Fox News at Night with Shannon		"A Boyfriend for Christmas" (2004)		
HGTV	39	112	Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop At	Flip or Flop At	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	Flip or Flop At
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men "Double Jeopardy"		Mountain Men "The Gauntlet"		Mountain Men "Hell or High Water"	The Return of Shelby the Swamp Man		(-05) Mountain Men "Double Jeopardy"		Mountain Men		
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Investigating a murder at a wedding.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The team investigates a casino shooting.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The team works to prove a man's guilt.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A bomb kills a driver during a race.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Three dead bodies are discovered.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy "Judgment Day" Catherine reveals some shocking details.		** "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin. A woman takes drastic measures to flee her abusive husband.			(-03) "No One Would Tell" (2018, Drama) Callan Potter. Laura learns that her daughter's boyfriend has a dark side.		Shannon Doherty, Mireya Scarnwener, Shannyn Sossamon		(-12:01) "Sleeping With the Enemy"		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	The Loud House		The Loud House		iCarly	SpongeBob	*** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)		Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Friends		Friends		Friends	Friends	** "Hancock" (2008) Will Smith. A scruffy superhero carelessly wreaks havoc in Los Angeles.		Friends	Friends	Friends	
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) *** "Planet of the Apes" (2001, Science Fiction) Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth. An astronaut leads a human uprising against ruling simians.				** "Colombiana" (2011, Action) Zoe Saldana, Jordi Mollà. Premiere. A professional assassin seeks revenge for the murder of her parents. (DVS)			*** "Skyfall" (2012) Daniel Craig. James Bond must track down and destroy a threat to M16. (DVS)				
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Chinese Woman"	Seinfeld "The Couch"	Seinfeld "The Gymnast"	Seinfeld (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Benedict Cumberbatch; George Takei; John Legend.	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "48 Hours"		
TCM	49	186	(5:45) *** "Clash of the Titans" (1981, Fantasy) Harry Hamlin.		"Falling Leaves" (1912) Magda Foy.	(-28) "The Ocean Waif" (1916)	(-15) ** "Where Are My Children?" (1916) Tyrone Power. Silent. A district attorney prosecutes an abortionist.	(-45) "Mabel's Blunder" (1914)	(-15) "Caught in a Cabaret" (1914)	(-45) "The Call of the Cumberlands" (1916, Drama) Dustin Farnum.				
TLC	43	157	(6:00) 90 Day Fiancé		The Little Couple "Yellow Eggs!"		The Little Couple "Time to Leave!" Bill and Jen share life-changing news.			The Little Couple		The Little Couple		
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "Escape Plan" Sebastian is kidnapped at a restaurant.		NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)					NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Portland Trail Blazers. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)				
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(-36) M*A*S*H	(-12) Everybody Loves Raymond		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	NCIS "Privileged Information" A Marine falls to her death. (DVS)		NCIS "High Tide" Torres and Bishop go under cover. (DVS)		NCIS "Dark Secrets" An apparent suicide is investigated. (DVS)		NCIS "Family Ties" A high schooler witnesses a hit-and-run. (DVS)		The Purge "I Will Participate" Joe debates the Purge with Jane.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Traitor"	
WE	68	166	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta		Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta		Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta (N)	(-01) Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta		(-01) Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta		Hip Hop		
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Married ... With		

Today's pointless fluff: 'People's Sexiest Chef Alive'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The abandonment of cable for streaming services is the media story of our time. Many have opted to stream because it saves them money. But the cost of streaming packages adds up. So economizing isn't the only reason. Cutting the cord changes the way you "consume" television. And how you think about it. You tend to watch what you want when you want it. For some that means "bingeing." But even that represents an active choice. Old-fashioned television watching tended to be passive. You had to wait for your program to air at a specific time. On Demand TV and DVRs have ameliorated this problem, but you still have to wait for episodes to arrive in order to save them.

I think this psychological change in viewing habits explains a lot. I suspect that it explains why many who cut the cord never return to traditional television.

Of course, waiting for something "good" to come "on" cable television offers deserts of vast eternity to fill with pointless fluff.

For today's fluffiest time-waster, I nominate "People's Sexiest Chef Alive" (8 p.m., Food, TV-G). Jess Cagle, the editor-in-chief of People Magazine, surveys 10 up-and-coming chefs and at the end of the well-spent hour, one of them is anointed "Sexiest."

Seriously, what does personal appearance have to do with cooking? What does a gossip magazine have to do with food? Or Food? How far has the network strayed from its mission? How dumb is this show?

I venture a guess that another reason so many have cut the cord is that cable networks no longer have any resemblance to their original incarnations. And don't get me started on how cord cutting liberates viewers from the maddening, uninformative din of cable "news."

At the risk of repeating myself, the choice to quit cable has more to do with psychology than savings. Ditching cable "news" is good for your mental health.

• Halloween's over. Bring on the ho, ho, ho! Beginning today, Freeform begins its



DEAN BUSCHER / THE CW

Sam (Jared Padalecki) must think fast when action figures come to life, and our heroes find themselves living in a real-life horror movie on the "Mint Condition" episode of "Supernatural," airing at 8 p.m. today on The CW.

"Kickoff to Christmas," a month long prime-time onslaught of holiday and family movies, starting with "Christmas With the Kranks" (5 p.m.). "Kickoff" includes one new Christmas movie. But you will have to wait until Nov. 25 for "The Truth About Christmas."

Netflix begins streaming the 2017 animated holiday fable "Angela's Christmas" (TV-G) today. This half-hour feature is based on author Frank McCourt's ("Angela's Ashes") only children's book, inspired by stories his own mother told him about her youth in Limerick, Ireland, circa 1910.

• Crackle streams the third 10-episode season of "Start-Up," starring Mira Sorvino, Adam Brody and Ron Perlman.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Oakland Raiders and San Francisco 49ers meet in "Thursday Night Football" (8 p.m., Fox).
- Mourning and reflection on "Grey's Anatomy" (8 p.m. ABC, TV-14).
- A training session goes off the rails on "Station 19" (9 p.m. ABC, TV-14).
- The governor calls with a peculiar proposal on "How to

Get Away With Murder" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A girl's emotions come to life as distinct characters in the 2015 Pixar fable "Inside Out" (8:50 p.m., Freeform).

SERIES NOTES

Leonard's power comes at a price on "The Big Bang Theory" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Amy and Dina head to the maternity ward on "Superstore" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Sam battles action figures come to life on "Supernatural" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * A brainy rival emerges on "Young Sheldon" (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Eleanor has questions for her mother on "The Good Place" (8:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * A debt comes between Christie

and Jill on "Mom" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Grace has a secret on "Will & Grace" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Landon's disappearance raises questions on "Legacies" (9 p.m.,

CW, TV-14) * Midterms coverage sparks a mother-son rivalry on "Murphy Brown" (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * A fine line between trash and treasure on "I Feel Bad" (9:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * A thief targets diamond dealers on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * A father and his children are stabbed on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Chris Wallace, Cole Sprouse and Tony Bennett are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Pistol Annies on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Julia Roberts, "Science Bob" Pflugfelder and Tenacious D appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Michael Moore, Paul Dano and Jon Theodore visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Rami Malek, Joel Edgerton and Mike Shinoda appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Garage Sale: Inside & Outside Sat. Nov. 3rd 7-? at 2470 Cainsmill Rd. Fall/Christmas decor, clothes, small furniture, household and too much to list!

Large Yard Sale 2701 Sequoia Dr. Fri. & Sat. 9AM-? Vintage Quilts, vintage jewelry (silver) Ft. Stewart original Ammo Cans, glass, flatware, coins, linens, Longaberger baskets, Ray Davenport "Swan Lake" print, camo clothes, old clocks & more.

70 Oakhaven, Sumter, Multi-family, Fri. & Sat. 7 am - 5 pm. Clothes sm - 4X, Christmas items, dishes, games & movies, VCR, etc.

2 Cherokee Rd Fri. 1-4 & Sat. 8-1 Household items & other misc. items.

Yard Sale: Sat. Nov. 3rd 8-1 at 222 Guyton Dr. Furniture, clothing, & knick knacks.

Indoor Estate sale, 712 Henderson, Fri & Sat 8 am - 2 pm. China, crystal, cookware, furn., lots of stuff

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Everything Kenmore: up-right freezer \$200, dryer \$150, 2 new pedestals \$125 a piece, washer & refrigerator \$50 a piece. Call 803-464-1674

New & used Heat pumps & A/C. Will install/repair, Call 843-992-2364

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Wanted laborer with CDL license, welding experience is a plus. Salary negotiable. For more info. call 803-494-9590.

HVAC Service Tech position & install person avail. F/T w/ benefits. Apply in person Gene's Heating & Air, LLC, 4035 Raccoon Rd. Manning

Newman's Tree Service Now hiring tree workers, climbers, bucket truck operators, and groundsmen. Drivers license and experience is required. 803-316-0128

Nesbitt Transportation is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Also hiring diesel mechanics. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

Trucking Opportunities

Truck / Trailer Service Technician / Welder Immediate opening for a general service technician to perform general maintenance and PM services. Experience with general repair, brakes, lights along with welding/fabricating experience preferred.

Local CDL delivery driver with Hazmat endorsement. Call 803-607-0388

RENTALS

Unfurnished Apartments

Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income) Shioh-Randolph Manor 125 W. Bartlette. 775-0575 Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available EHO

Newly remodeled nice 1 br, 1 ba, apt. in Historical Dist. refrig & stove, hardwood floors, C/H/A, downtown area. No Pets. No Smoking. \$400 mo. + dep. 803-491-5375.

Unfurnished Homes

Single Wide 3BR mobile home for sale. Contact information 203-668-2055 or 803-495-8318 Willing to negotiate.

Burgess Crt, 3 Br, 1 Ba, CHA, \$545 mo. Sec. Dep. 803-983-5691

106 Agnes 2BR MH \$425 mo +Dep. No pets. Call 803-481-4013

Mobile Home Rentals

For Rent or Rent to Own: 5BR/3BA 803-795-6572

American MHP, 2 & 3/BR, lot rentals, water/sewer/garbage pickup incld. Sec. 8 ok. 803-494-4300.

Scenic Lake 2 Br/2 ba, No pets, housing accepted (1 child). 499-1500 /469-6978 betw. 9am-5pm



Homes for Sale

3BR/2BA home, all appliances, some furniture, country setting, fenced yard, Manning area. No pets & no smokers. \$300 a month. Call Mike 803-410-4981

Custom built home for sale. 925 Autumn Run, Wedgefield. 2990 sq ft brick home, 4BR/ 3.5BA, w/ 3 car extra lg garage w/ unattached brick shop. Located on 2 1/2 acre lot.



Open House: 11/3 & 11/4 3:00-5:00 For sale by owner. 1345 Kentwood Dr. Sumter, SC 29154. 3BR/2BA very private lot located in Twin Lakes Sub. Asking \$169,000. Call 803-840-3425

TRANSPORTATION

Miscellaneous



Refurbished batteries as low as \$45. Golf cart batteries \$65. Auto Electric Co. 102 Blvd Rd. 803-773-4381

LEGAL NOTICES

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The County of Sumter is accepting separate sealed bids from qualified contractors to Demolish 17 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150.

Copies of the bid package may be obtained from the County's Purchasing Office. Request for bid packages may be obtained by calling (803) 436-2329 or email: Purchasing@sumtercountysc.gov

Mr. Robert E. Galloway, Jr. County of Sumter Purchasing Department 13 East Canal Street Sumter, SC 29150

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2018-CP-43-01571

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Quicken Loans Inc., PLAINTIFF,

VS. Irene E. Lukens a/k/a Irene Elizabeth Lukens, as Personal Representative, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Nathanael Lukens a/k/a Nathanael George Lukens, Deceased; Benjamin Lukens, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of

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Nathanael Lukens a/k/a Nathanael George Lukens, Deceased; Carolyn Lukens a/k/a Carolyn Craven, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Nathanael Lukens a/k/a Nathanael George Lukens, Deceased; and Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Nathanael Lukens a/k/a Nathanael George Lukens, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, DEFENDANT(S). (181103.00038)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, Post Office Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-2065, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of this service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of this service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-In-Equity or Special Referee for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-In-Equity or Special Master is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

TO MINORS) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Warren R. Herndon, Jr., made absolute.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Warren R. Herndon, Jr., whose address is 218 E. Main Street, Suite 2, Lexington, SC 29072, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on August 28, 2018.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Warren R. Herndon, Jr., whose address is 218 E. Main Street, Suite 2, Lexington, SC 29072, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South

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Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Nathanael Lukens a/k/a Nathanael George Lukens, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on the 4th day of September, 2018.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of this service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendants above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Nathanael Lukens to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated June 17, 2013, recorded July 2, 2013, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County, in Book 1189, at Page 3807; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Quicken Loans Inc. by assignment instrument dated July 19, 2018 and recorded August 2, 2018 in Book 1247 at Page 249.

The description of the premises is as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 26, Block A, as shown on that certain Plat of Joseph R. Edwards, R.L.S., dated April 11, 1990 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 90 at Page 603, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in 30-50-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

This being the same property conveyed to Nathanael Lukens by deed of James D. Scaffie, Jr., dated August 15, 2006 and recorded August 16, 2006 in Book 1040 at Page 1969 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 2051205014

Property address: 25 Alice Dr. Sumter, SC 29150

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SUMMONS

IN THE FAMILY COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO: 2018-DR-43-960

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Naomi Myra Pinto and Cyril Joseph Pinto, Sr., Plaintiff

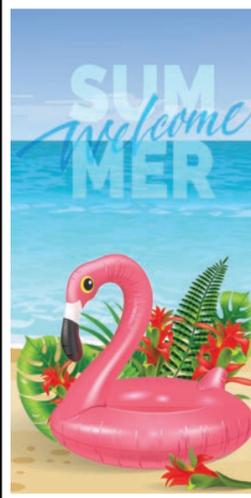
IN RE: Jordan Olivia Davey, a minor under the age of fourteen (14) years (DOB: 6-29-2010)

vs. Amber Jennelle Ross and Joe Doe, the unknown Father, Defendants

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said Complaint to Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Esquire, Attorney for the Plaintiffs, at his office, 7 East Hampton Avenue, Sumter, South Carolina, 29150, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of this service; and on your failure to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Hastie Law Firm Calvin K. Hastie, Sr. Attorney for the Plaintiffs 7 East Hampton Avenue Sumter, South Carolina 29150 (803) 774-7776



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Midterm Elections

VOTE 2018

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TRI-COUNTY AREA RACES

U.S. House of Representatives, District 5

Michael Chandler (Constitution)
Ralph W. Norman (Republican)
Archie Parnell (Democratic)

U.S. House of Representatives, District 6

James E. Jim Clyburn (Democratic)
Gerhard R. Gressmann (Republican)
Bryan Pugh (Green)

State House of Representatives, District 50

Will Wheeler (Democratic)

State House of Representatives, District 51

David Weeks (Democratic)

State House of Representatives, District 64

Robert L. Ridgeway III (Democratic)

State House of Representatives, District 67

Brandon Humphries (Libertarian)
Murrell Smith (Republican)

State House of Representatives, District 70

Wendy C. Brawley (Democratic)

State House of Representatives, District 101

Cezar McKnight (Democratic)

STATEWIDE RACES

Attorney General

Alan Wilson (Republican)
Constance Anastopoulo (Democratic)
Constance Anastopoulo (Working Families)

Commissioner of Agriculture

Chris Nelums (United Citizens)
David Edmond (Green)
Hugh Weathers (Republican)

Governor / Lieutenant Governor

Henry McMaster / Pamela Evette (Republican)
James Smith / Mandy Powers Norrell (Democratic)

Secretary of State

Mark Hammond (Republican)
Melvin T. Whittenburg (Democratic)

State Superintendent of Education

Israel Romero (Democratic)
Molly Mitchell Spearman (Republican)

State Treasurer

Curtis Loftis (Republican)
Rosalyn L. Glenn (Democratic)
Rosalyn L. Glenn (Working Families)
Sarah Work (American)

CLARENDON COUNTY

Clarendon County Coroner (unexpired term)

Bucky Mock (Democratic)

Clarendon County Council, District 1

Billy Richardson (Democratic)

Clarendon County Council, District 2

W. J. Frierson (Democratic)

Clarendon County Council, District 3

Benton Blakely (Democratic)

Clarendon County Treasurer

Matt Evans (Democratic)

Clarendon County Auditor

Patricia Pringle (Democratic)

Clarendon County School Board, District 1 (nonpartisan)

Bernard Richburg
Bessie E. Leonard
Cindy Risher
Keith Bowman
Tony Junious

Soil and Water District Commission, Clarendon (nonpartisan)

Kevin Ross
David Richburg

LEE COUNTY

Lee County Auditor

Cecil LeVear Stevens (Democratic)

Lee County Council, District 3

David Addison (Democratic)

Lee County Council, District 4

Gordon Eckley (Democratic)

Lee County Council, District 6

Charles Arthur Beasley (Democratic)

Lee County Council, District 7

Johnette McCutchen
Caughman (Democratic)

Lee County School Board, District 4

Sylvia A. Scott (Democratic)

Lee County School Board, District 5

Regitt James (Democratic)

Lee County School Board, District 6

Nathaniel Brunson (Democratic)

Lee County Treasurer

H. Wayne Capell (Democratic)

Soil and Water District Commission, Lee (nonpartisan)

Jim Ridenhour
Steven W. Welsh

SUMTER COUNTY

Pinewood Mayor (nonpartisan)

Sarah B. Mathis

Pinewood Town Council, Ward 3 (nonpartisan)

Leonard Houser

Pinewood Town Council, Ward 4 (nonpartisan)

Jack Spann

Soil and Water District Commission, Sumter (nonpartisan)

Betty C. Martin

Solicitor, Circuit 3

Ernest Chip Finney III (Democratic)

Sumter City Council, Ward 1 (nonpartisan)

Thomas Bubba Lowery

Sumter City Council, Ward 3 (nonpartisan)

Calvin K. Hastie Sr.

Sumter City Council, Ward 5 (nonpartisan)

Bob Galiano
Chris Hilditch
Colin C. Davis

Sumter County Council, District 2

Artie Baker (Republican)

Sumter County Council, District 4

Charles T. Edens (Republican)

Sumter County Council, District 6

James "Jim" T. McCain Jr. (Democratic)

Sumter County Probate Judge

Dale W. Atkinson (Democratic)

Sumter School Board, At Large (nonpartisan)

Bonnie Disney
Bubba Rabon
Frank Baker
James Burton
Jay Linginfelter
Lloyd Hunter
Shawn Ragin
William Levan Byrd

Sumter School Board, District 1 (nonpartisan)

Barbara Bowman
Brian L. Alston
Caleb M. Kershaw Jr.
Mark Myers

Sumter School Board, District 2 (nonpartisan)

Charles M. Smith
John Michalik
Sherril Ray

Sumter School Board, District 3 (nonpartisan)

Eartha Reed
Jason J. Johnson
John Shipman
Josh Coleman

Matthew 'Mac' McLeod

Sumter School Board, District 4 (nonpartisan)

Johnny Hilton

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 6

WHAT TO BRING

Polls are open in South Carolina for the General Midterm Election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Anyone in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

To vote in person, South Carolina residents must show one of the following photo IDs at their designated polling precinct:

- S.C. driver's license
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID card
- S.C. voter registration card with photo
- Federal military ID
- U.S. passport

If you don't know your precinct, find it at www.scvotes.org under the voter tab or find the complete list of precincts for Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties inside this section on page C3.

HOW DO I VOTE?

All 46 South Carolina counties use direct recording electronic voting machines. The voter makes his or her selections by pressing a button beside a party, candidate or issue displayed on the direct recording electronic voting machine. After all selections have been made, the voter presses a "VOTE" button to cast his or her ballot.

FOLLOW US ONLINE FOR COMPLETE COVERAGE

We will give you all of the results and post-election analysis you need in upcoming print editions of The Sumter Item, but for complete election-night coverage and up-to-date race results for the elections affecting Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties, follow us online at www.theitem.com.



IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE PHOTO IDs, YOU ARE READY TO VOTE.

Be sure to bring your Photo ID with you to the polling place.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE OF THESE PHOTO IDs:

Make your voting experience as fast and easy as possible by getting a free Photo ID from DMV or your county voter registration office.

IF YOU FORGET TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO THE POLLING PLACE:

You may vote a provisional ballot that will count only if you show your Photo ID to the election commission prior to certification of the election (usually Thursday or Friday after the election).

IF YOU CAN'T GET A PHOTO ID:

Bring your non-photo voter registration card with you to the polling place. You may vote a provisional ballot after signing an affidavit stating you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining Photo ID. A reasonable impediment is any valid reason, beyond your control, which created an obstacle to obtaining Photo ID:

- a disability or illness
- a conflict with your work schedule
- a lack of transportation
- a lack of a birth certificate
- family responsibilities
- a religious objection to being photographed
- any other obstacle you find reasonable

This ballot will count unless someone proves to the election commission that you are lying about your identity or having the listed impediment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MOVED BUT HAVEN'T UPDATED MY ADDRESS?

Failsafe voting is designed to allow voters who have moved but have not updated the address to do so on election day and vote. This option is available to voters who moved:

From one address to another within the same precinct

Voter may vote a full ballot at the new precinct after completing a change of address form; and

From one precinct to another within the same county

Voter has two options:

- Go to previous polling place and vote on a limited, failsafe ballot containing only federal, statewide and countywide offices. The voter's updated address is recorded on a failsafe ballot envelope.
- Go to voter registration office, complete a change of address form and vote a full ballot.

From one S.C. county to another within 30 days of election

Voter has two options:

- Go to polling place in previous county of residence and vote a limited, failsafe ballot containing only federal, statewide and countywide offices. The voter's updated address is recorded on a failsafe ballot envelope.
- Go to voter registration office in current county of residence, complete a change of address form and vote a full ballot.

From one state to another after the deadline to register to vote in a presidential election in the new state of residence (not applicable for this election)

Failsafe voting also applies to municipal elections, with one exception: a voter must have resided in the municipality for 30 days prior to the election to be eligible to vote. So, if a voter has moved from outside a specific municipality to inside that municipality and the move occurred more than 30 days before the election, a failsafe ballot will not be available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT SCVOTES.ORG

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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION



Voters cast their ballots at a Sumter precinct during the June primary election.

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TRI-COUNTY PRECINCTS

SUMTER COUNTY

Bates – Bates Middle School, 715 Estate St., Sumter, SC 29150
Birnie – Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St., Sumter, SC 29150
Burns-Down – Alice Drive Middle School, 40 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Causeway Branch 1 – Millwood Elementary School, 24 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Causeway Branch 2 – Millwood Elementary School, 24 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Cherryvale – Cherryvale Community Center, 4340 Confederate Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Crosswell – Crosswell Elementary School, 301 Crosswell Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
Dalzell 1 – Hillcrest Middle School, 4355 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, SC 29040
Dalzell 2 – Hillcrest Middle School, 4355 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, SC 29040
Delaine – Delaine Elementary School, 5355 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield, SC 29168
Ebenezer 1 – Ebenezer Middle School, 3440 Ebenezer Road, Sumter SC 29153
Ebenezer 2 – Ebenezer Middle School, 3440 Ebenezer Road, Sumter, SC 29153
Furman – Furman Middle School, 3400 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Folsom Park – Willow Drive Elementary School, 26 Willow Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
Green Swamp 1 – Sumter School District, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Green Swamp 2 – Sumter School District, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Hampton Park – Sumter County Recreation and Parks, 155 Haynsworth St., Sumter, SC 29150
Hillcrest – Hillcrest Middle School, 4355 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, SC 29040
Horatio – Horatio Fire Station, 7720 Sumter Landing Road, Horatio, SC 29062
Lemira – Lemira Elementary School, 952 Fulton St., Sumter, SC 29150
Loring – Crosswell Elementary School, 301 Crosswell Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
Magnolia-Harmony – S. Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave., Sumter, SC 29150
Manchester Forest – Wedgefield Fire Station, 2035 Highway 261 South, Wedgefield, SC 29168

Mayesville – Mayesville Fire Station, 20 S. Main St. East, Mayesville, SC 29104
Mayewood – Mayewood Middle School, 4300 W. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153
McCrays Mill 1 – Sumter County Career Center, 2612 McCrays Mills Road, Sumter, SC 29154
McCrays Mill 2 – Sumter County Career Center, 2612 McCrays Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Millwood – Millwood Elementary School, 24 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Morris College – North Hope Center, 904 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150
Mulberry – County Training Center, 1273 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29153
Oakland Plant 1 – Oakland Primary School, 5415 Oakland Drive, Sumter, SC
Oakland Plant 2 – Oakland Primary School, 5415 Oakland Drive, Sumter, SC
Oswego – Crestwood High School, 2000 Oswego Road, Sumter, SC 29153
Palmetto Park – Central Carolina Technical College, 506 N. Guignard Drive, Bldg. 700, Sumter, SC 29150
Pinewood – Manchester Elementary School, 200 Clark St., Pinewood SC 29125
Pocotaligo 1 – Lakewood High School, 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Pocotaligo 2 – Lakewood High School, 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Privateer – Pocalla Springs Elem School, 2060 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Rembert – Rembert Fire Station, 7045 Post Office St., Rembert, SC 29128
Salem – Rural Fire Station, 6090 Myrtle Beach Hwy., Gable, SC 29051
Salterstown – Chestnut Oaks Middle School, 1200 Oswego Road, Sumter, SC 29153
Savage-Glover – S. Sumter Park Gym, 630 S. Sumter St., Sumter, SC 29150
Shaw – Shaw Heights Elementary School, 5121 Frierson Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Second Mill – USC Sumter Arts/Letters Banquet Hall, 200 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150
South Library – American Legion Home Building, 28 Artillery Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
South Red Bay – South Hope Center, 1125 S. Lafayette

Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
Spectrum – Fire Training Center, 470 Green Swamp Road, Sumter, SC 29150
St. John – St. John Elementary School, 4515 Narrow Paved Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080
St. Paul – Cherryvale Elementary School, 1420 Furman Drive, Sumter, SC 29154
Stone Hill – Jehovah Baptist Church, 803 S. Harvin St., Sumter, SC 29150
Sumter High 1 – Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Sumter High 2 – Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Sunset – Kingsbury Elementary School, 825 Kingsbury Road, Sumter, SC 29154
Swan Lake – Willow Drive Elementary School, 26 Willow Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
Thomas Sumter – Hillcrest Middle School, 4355 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, SC 29040
Turkey Creek – Lemira Elementary School, 952 Fulton St., Sumter, SC 29150
Wilder – Wilder Elementary School, 900 Floral Ave., Sumter, SC 29150
Wilson Hall – Wilson Hall School, 520 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150
Barrier Free – Voter Registration Office, 141 N. Main St., Room 114, Sumter, SC 29150

LEE COUNTY

Ashland/Stokes Bridge – Fire Station No. 4, 3018 Una Road, Bishopville, SC 29010
Ashwood – Fire Station No. 3, 4396 Sumter Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010
Bishopville 1 – Fire Station No. 1, 122 E. Church St., Bishopville, SC 29010
Bishopville 2 – Old Fire Department, 113 E. Council St., Bishopville, SC 29010
Bishopville 3 – The Pilot Home, 120 Barnett Drive, Bishopville, SC 29010
Bishopville 4 – Lee County School District Office Annex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville, SC 29010
Cedar Creek – Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 3002 Camden Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010
Cypress – Fire Station No. 8 – 2346 15 N., Bishopville, SC 29010
Elliott – St. Paul United Methodist Church, 16 Clarence McFadden Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080
Hickory Hill – Jerusalem Stuckey Baptist Church, 1407 Jamestown Road, Bishopville, SC 29010

Ionia – Fire Station No. 5, 763 McCaskill Road, Camden, SC 29020
Lynchburg – Ryanne’s Catering Hall, 154 Main St., Lynchburg, SC 29080
Manville – St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 510 Manville-Wisacky Road, Bishopville, SC 29010
Mt. Clio – New Zion AME Church, 789 Coopers Mill Road, Bishopville, SC 29010
Rattlesnake Springs – St. Andrew Church of God, 4238 Red Hill Road, Camden, SC 29020
Schrocks Mill/Lucknow – Concord United Methodist Church, 354 Old Camden Road, Bishopville, SC 29010
South Lynchburg – Chapel UM Church, 24 Back Swamp Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080
Spring Hill – Spring Hill Lodge 188 AFM, 3980 Springhill Road, Rembert, SC 29128
St. Charles – Lower Lee Elementary, 26 Lower Lee School Road, Mayesville, SC 29104
St. Matthews – St. Matthews Methodist Church, 2144 Stokes Bridge Road West, Bishopville, SC 29010
Turkey Creek – Fire Station No. 6, 2386 Hubb Kelley Road, Bishopville, SC 29010
Woodrow – Mt. Olive AME Church, 2738 Woodrow Road, Sumter, SC 29153
Barrier Free – Voter Registration Office, 101 Gregg St., Bishopville, SC 29010

CLARENDON COUNTY

Alcolu – Alcolu Elementary School, 1423 Hotel St., Alcolu, SC 29001
Barrineau – Barrineau Fire Station, 3802 St. James Road, Lake City, SC 29560
Barrows Mill – Friendship Presbyterian Church, 10123 Black River Road, New Zion, SC 29111
Bloomville – Liberty Fire Station, 5119 Brewer Road, Manning, SC 29102
Calvary – Panola Fire Station, 1984 Elliot Road, Pinewood, SC 29125
Davis Station – Davis Station Fire Station, 2684 Mw Rickenbaker Road, Manning, SC 29102

Harmony – Harmony Presbyterian Church, 8629 Highway 301, Alcolu, SC 29001
Hicks – Pinedale Pentecostal Church, 4456 Turbeville Hwy., Turbeville, SC 29162
Home Branch – W.R. Simpson Farm Office, 2526 W R Simpson Road, Manning, SC 29102
Jordan – Wyboo Fire Station, 1101 Herring Drive, Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 1 – Weldon Auditorium Lobby, N. Brooks St., Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 2 – Cypress Center Hospital Complex, 50 Hospital St., Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 3 – Clarendon County Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 4 – Manning Fire Station, 42 W. Boyce St., Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 5 – Manning United Methodist Church, 17 Rigby St., Manning, SC 29102
New Zion – Clarendon County EMS Building, 15677 Highway 301, New Zion, SC 29111
Paxville – Paxville Town Hall, 10279 Lewis Road, Manning, SC 29102
Panola – Mt. Pleasant Rume Church, 14076 Panola Road, Pinewood, SC 29125
Sardinia-Gable – Sardinia Fire Station, 12878 Highway 301, Gable, SC 29051
Summerton No. 1 – St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 9 N. Dukes St., Summerton, SC 29148
Summerton No. 2 – Scotts Branch Alumni Association Building, 1 Larry King Hwy., Summerton, SC 29148
Summerton No. 3 – Scotts Branch Elementary/Middle School, 1154 4th St., Summerton, SC 29148
Turbeville – Turbeville Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Turbeville, SC 29162
Wilson-Foreston – Wilson-Foreston Fire Station, 1015 N. Brewington Road, Manning, SC 29102
Oakdale – Friendship Pres. Church, 10123 Black River Road, New Zion, SC 29111
Barrier Free – Voter Registration Office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102



VOTE
 Eartha Reed
 Area 3
 SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD
Paid for by Eartha Reed

SAMPLE BALLOT AND STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

This is a sample ballot for someone in the Swan Lake voting precinct who would vote at the Willow Drive Elementary School precinct location. Sample ballots are a representation of the offices and candidates that will appear on the official ballot on Election Day, Nov. 6, 2018.

Ballot will differ depending on your location in the city and county. To see the sample ballot for your specific precinct, visit www.scvotes.org, and click "Get my sample ballot" in the top right-hand corner of the website.

SAMPLE BALLOT

- This is NOT your ballot. This is a Sample Ballot showing a representation of the offices and candidates that will appear on your official ballot and is provided for informational purposes only.
- While your actual ballot will look different, this sample ballot contains all the offices and questions for which you will be eligible to vote at the time this sample ballot was produced. Sometimes candidates withdraw or are disqualified prior to an election. Also, if you move and update your address, your sample ballot will likely change. Sample ballots are made available approximately 100 days prior to an election. It is best to check your sample ballot close to election day to check for any changes in offices and candidates.
- Your Sample Ballot may differ from other voters' ballots in your precinct.
- Straight Party:** For partisan elections, your actual ballot will provide a straight party selection option. If you make a straight party selection on your ballot, you will be selecting all candidates of that party on your ballot. Any vote cast for an individual candidate will take precedence over any straight party selection. Nonpartisan offices and questions are not included in the straight party vote and must be marked individually. There is no straight party option in primaries and nonpartisan elections.
- Contact your county voter registration office to vote absentee or go to your polling place to vote on election day.
- You may take this Sample Ballot with you to your polling place, but do NOT display or distribute it at the polling place.

COUNTY: SUMTER
VOTING PRECINCT: Swan Lake
PRECINCT LOCATION: Willow Dr Elem. School **PRECINCT ADDRESS:** 28 Willow Dr Sumter SC 29150

VOTING DISTRICTS:
 US Congressional District: 05 SC Senate District: 35 SC House District: 067
 County Council: 06 School District: 06 City Council District: 06
 Municipality: 645 Magistrate Jury Area: 431

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS
 141 N Main St Rm 114 Phone Number: (803)4362313
 Sumter SC 29150 Email: pjjefferson@sumtercountysc.org

THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SAMPLE BALLOT
 Statewide General Election

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SAMPLE BALLOT - SUMTER COUNTY

STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
 You may vote for One.
 James Smith / Mandy Powers Norrell (Democratic)
 Henry McMaster / Pamela Evette (Republican)

Secretary of State
 You may vote for One.
 Melvin T Whittenburg (Democratic)
 Mark Hammond (Republican)

State Treasurer
 You may vote for One.
 Rosalyn L Glenn (Democratic)
 Rosalyn Glenn (Working Families)
 Curtis Loftis (Republican)
 Sarah Work (American)

Attorney General
 You may vote for One.
 Constance Anastopoulo (Democratic)
 Constance Anastopoulo (Working Families)
 Alan Wilson (Republican)

Comptroller General
 You may vote for One.
 Richard Eckstrom (Republican)

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State Superintendent of Education
 You may vote for One.
 Israel Romero (Democratic)
 Molly Mitchell Spearman (Republican)

Commissioner of Agriculture
 You may vote for One.
 Chris Nelums (United Citizens)
 David Edmond (Green)
 Hugh Weathers (Republican)

U.S. House of Representatives District 05
 You may vote for One.
 Archie Parnell (Democratic)
 Michael Chandler (Constitution)
 Ralph W Norman (Republican)

State House of Representatives District 67
 You may vote for One.
 Murrell Smith (Republican)
 Brandon Humphries (Libertarian)

Solicitor Circuit 3
 You may vote for One.
 Ernest Chip Finney III (Democratic)

Probate Judge
 You may vote for One.
 Dale W Atkinson (Democratic)

County Council District 06
 You may vote for One.

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James T McCain Jr (Democratic)

Soil and Water District Commission
 You may vote for Two, less than Two, but not more than Two.
 Betty C Martin (Nonpartisan)

School Board At Large
 You may vote for Two, less than Two, but not more than Two.
 Frank Baker (Nonpartisan)
 James Burton (Nonpartisan)
 William Levan Byrd (Nonpartisan)
 Bonnie Disney (Nonpartisan)
 Lloyd Hunter (Nonpartisan)
 Jay Linginfelter (Nonpartisan)
 Bubba Rabon (Nonpartisan)
 Shawn Ragin (Nonpartisan)

Statewide Constitutional Amendments

Amendment 1
 Must Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to state constitutional officers, be amended so as to provide that beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to provide that the appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office?

Explanation:
 A 'Yes' vote will require the Superintendent of Education be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.
 A 'No' vote maintains the current method of electing a Superintendent of Education.

Yes
 No

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Experience Matters

Re-elect **Bob Galiano**
 City Council Ward 5

PAID FOR BY BOB GALIANO

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Personal Achievements

- Proudly Served in the USAF
- Vietnam Veteran
- Realtor/Broker for 43 Years
- Restaurant owner for 41 years

Public Service Achievements

- 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
- NO TAX INCREASE IN 10 YEARS
- RECORD INDUSTRY RECRUITMENT
- INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
- ENHANCED COMMERCIAL RETAIL PRESENCE
- CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SHAW & 3RD ARMY

I HAVE PROUDLY SERVED AS YOUR CITY COUNCILMAN FOR 26 YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE TO LET MY EXPERIENCE IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF US. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 5

Voters who live in U.S. Congressional District 5, which includes most or all of 11 counties, including all of Lee County and most of Sumter County except for the eastern arm of the city and county, can choose one candidate.



RALPH W. NORMAN JR.

(Republican)

Education background, including

highest degree/certification obtained:

1971 — Graduate of Rock Hill High School

1975 — Bachelors in Business, Presbyterian College

Occupation: Real estate developer

Any additional personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I was born and have lived my entire life in the 5th Congressional District of South Carolina in Rock Hill. I have been married to Elaine Rice Norman for 43 years. We have four married children and 16 grandchildren. We attend Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. I have served my community over the years on many boards including the following: Children's Attention Home, Salvation Army, YMCA, United Way, South State Bank Executive Board, Board of

Realtors, MUSC Board of Visitors.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am a businessman and know the 5th District and its people. I served in the state legislature for 11 years prior to being elected to U.S. Congress 17 months ago to replace Mick Mulvaney. I have a proven conservative record of fiscal responsibility. I received the Order of the Palmetto during my time in the state legislature and the Taxpayer Superhero Award, the Solar Champion Award, the Thomas Jefferson Award, the American Conservative Union Award, the True Blue Award, the Guardian of Senior's Rights Award, the 2018 Hero of Main Street Award, the Guardian of Small Business Award, the Friend of Farm Bureau Award and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award, and I am one of 11 to receive the Ronald Reagan Award, given this past year while I was serving in Congress.

What is your platform, i.e. what priorities will you focus on if re-elected?

South Carolina values — I am a conservative Republican. I

firmly believe in the Second Amendment, I strongly believe in term limits, and I fully support the sanctity of life, meaning I am pro-life.

Social Security — We have a responsibility to honor the promises made to our nation's seniors while taking steps to protect the future of our younger generation.

Economy — Build a stronger economy by creating jobs and lowering taxes.

Immigration — We need to secure our borders, build the wall and ensure people immigrate the lawful way.

Veterans — We need to ensure the best care is provided for those men and women who served in uniform and sacrificed so much.

Military — Our military is vital for our national security because without them we may not enjoy our day-to-day liberties.

Budget — Washington has a spending problem, not an income problem, and we need to rein in our reckless spending and balance our budget just as the American households do regularly.

Health care — Americans

deserve common sense, competition-based, free market solutions that will put quality health care within reach of every American.

Welfare reform — Welfare to work. We need to get people off the sidelines and into the field. I strongly believe that every able-bodied American should have the opportunity to build his/her own success. It is better to offer a hand up than a handout.

What are you most proud of having accomplished in office?

My Congressional office and I have helped thousands of constituents around the district from Social Security issues to veterans' affairs.

I am very proud of the tax reform, which increased the median annual income in the district by \$2,000 per household.

In my short time as your Congressman, we have seen record growth and the lowest unemployment rate in 50 years.

We have a strong military once again.

What within District 5 are you happy with?

Job creation, the booming economy and more money in people's pockets.

What do you want to improve or change in the 5th District?

Continue the growth and expansion of businesses. Continue the reduction of regulations. Help land a quality business on the Sumter mega site.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

As a small-business owner, I saw first-hand how too much government and government regulations hurt small businesses.

I am a strong leader and cannot be bought, nor will I give in to special interests in Washington. We need more strong businessmen and businesswomen in Congress.

I feel a calling to the people of the 5th District, and I want to continue to fight for South Carolina values in Washington and with President Trump to put America and Americans first.



ARCHIE PARNELL

(Democratic)

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

Graduate of Sumter High

School, bachelor degree from University of South Carolina, Juris Doctorate from University of South Carolina School of Law

Occupation: Tax attorney

Any additional personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I grew up in Sumter. My father was a master sergeant mechanic in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. My wife, Sara, and I have been married for 40 years and have two daughters.

What qualifies you for this position?

I have decades of experience in the private sector as well as inside

government. As a tax expert, I am uniquely qualified to work with both parties to close loopholes that allow giant companies to keep untaxed profits overseas — and, instead, use that money to cut taxes for families, repair and improve South Carolina infrastructure and create jobs here.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Jobs — My plan will raise wages for working families and end the trade war that is putting more than half a million S.C. jobs at risk right now.

Tax reform — As a tax expert, I have the skills and experience we need to end the church tax passed in 2017 and create a tax structure where corporations pay their fair share.

Health care — I am absolutely committed to protecting Medicare and Social Security and to reforming our current system to ensure quality affordable health care for all.

What within District 5 are you happy with?

From innovative mayors and local leaders to the economic powerhouse that is Shaw Air Force Base, we have a wealth of under-utilized resources that, if properly supported, could transform this district into a hub for economic activity and a leader both on the state and national stages.

With that being said, the thing I love most about this community is its people. I grew up right here in Sumter. So, the people of District 5 aren't just constituents to me. They're family. That's why, as Congressman, I will make constituent service a top priority.

What do you want to improve or change in District 5?

From education and health care to sustainability and tax reform, we've talked a lot about policies that I firmly believe would benefit the people of this district now and for years to come. But one the most important issues I

would address is our federal government's failure to meet the needs of our veterans.

As the son of a World War II veteran, this is a personal issue for me. That's why, last year, I signed a Veterans Compact that outlined a series of steps I will take once elected to improve veteran services and ensure these men and women are treated like the heroes they are.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Following the 2016 election, I participated in the Women's March on Washington with my wife and daughter. Being there at that moment showed me that something special was happening in America. Men and women of all backgrounds were standing up for each other instead of trying to tear each other down. I knew then that I had to do more to help bring our nation together.



MICHAEL CHANDLER

(Constitution)

Educational background:

Not provided

Occupation:

Municipal civil service

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

Lost as Constitution Party candidate for U.S. House District 4 seat in 2016.

Any additional personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Father of three children and resident of Fingerville in Spartanburg County.

What qualifies you for this position?

I have served the public for 17 years in municipal civil service. I have worked hard and know what it means to live paycheck-

to-paycheck.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Balancing the national budget, justice/court reform, immigration

What within District 5 are you happy with?

Not provided

What do you want to improve or change in District 5?

Not provided

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Not provided

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 6

Voters who live in U.S. Congressional District 6, which covers all or portions of 16 counties, including all of Clarendon County and the eastern arm of Sumter County into the eastern portion of the City of Sumter, can choose one candidate.



BRYAN KELLY PUGH

(Green)

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

B.S. in Physics with Astronomy, M.A. (in progress) in Teaching Science

Occupation: Student/graduate research assistant

Do you have previous experience in government or politics? No previous experience, first time running. Co-chair for South Carolina Green Party

Any other personal background you'd like voters

to know about?

I have been married for 19 years, have one daughter.

What qualifies you for this position? What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

I believe there is not enough scientific representation in Congress. There are so few who chose to legislate for the people and instead opt towards filling their own pockets. I wish to battle this corruption and help legislate for Medicare for all as well as 100 percent clean, renewable energy across the nation. I will legislate to see public education through university be covered for those able to maintain

above a 3.0 GPA.

I also want to work to retain highly effective teachers and staff members within our public schools.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Our current health care travesty needs to be scrapped and replaced with Medicare for all. Our nation's continued use of fossil fuels needs to cease. We have the technology to use alternate, clean and renewable energies that do no further harm to our environment; I wish to leave a better world behind for the future generations.



GERHARD R. GRESSMANN was in contact with The Sumter Item but said he recently had open heart surgery and did not submit answers by press time. He is running as a Republican.



JAMES E. JIM CLYBURN did not submit answers by press time. He is the incumbent, the House Assistant Minority Leader and Assistant Democratic Leader. He has been in Congress since 1993.

S.C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 67

Voters who live in the state House of Representatives District 67, which includes the western suburbs of the City of Sumter and goes into rural southern Sumter County, can chose one candidate.



BRANDON HUMPHRIES
(Libertarian)

What is your educational background, including the highest degree/certification you have obtained?

I am a graduate of Irmo High School in Columbia.

Current occupation: My current job is a Thompson Industries contractor at Caterpillar Precision Pin.

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have government experience from my career in the military. I retired from the Air Force in

2014.

Have you run for any other office in the past?

I have never run for political office until now.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

If elected, I will focus on ending the income tax and reducing the size of the state government.

What within the State House are you pleased with?

I am not pleased with anything in the Statehouse.

Our taxes are high, roads are

crumbling and people are locked up for victimless crimes. The two big parties change their principles based on political climate. Libertarians are steadfast believers in limited government and natural rights, and we do not

waver on these principles.

What do you want to improve or change in District 67?

I would like to see District 67 and South Carolina as a place people want to live, work and retire. Abolishing the income tax will draw people here. Very few people want their income

forcibly taken from them. I also want to see more free market solutions to our poor education system. The government is failing our children, and their only solution is to throw more money at it. Murray Rothbard's "Anatomy of the State" breaks down this behavior perfectly.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I was prompted to file for the election after seeing that no one else had run against Mr. Smith since 2000. We had just organized the Sumter County Libertarian Party in August of 2017, and this would be a great way to get a third party firmly planted in Sumter.



MURRELL SMITH
(Republican)

What is your educational background, including the highest degree/certification you have obtained?

I received my B.A. from Wofford College in 1990 and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993.

Current occupation: Attorney
When were you first elected? 2000

Have you run for any other office in the past?

I have never run for any office other than the S.C. House of Representatives, though I have served on a number of boards and commissions in Sumter County and statewide.

What else would you like voters to know about your background?

I was raised in Sumter County, and my entire family is from this community. I am a member of the First Presbyterian Church. My wife, Macaulay, is also from Sumter, and we have two wonderful children, Mary Brown "Bee" and Murrell III. I am very proud to call myself a Sumterite who is highly committed to our community and state.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am proud to run on my record in the S.C. House of Representatives where I have served since 2000. On issues like education, infrastructure and tax fairness, I have been a leader in the General Assembly. I have been endorsed by groups that cover the spectrum of issues in South Carolina, from the National Federation of Independent Business and National Rifle Association to the Conservation Voters. I think most people who follow local politics will agree that I am an effective legislator who has a record of accomplishments in Columbia.

What issues will you focus on if re-elected?

Each year, the legislative

session begins with writing the state budget. I have a great deal of seniority on the Ways and Means Committee, and I am involved in virtually every budgetary or fiscal decision that is made regarding our state's finances. I will continue to emphasize low taxes and fiscal restraint while improving government efficiency. At the same time, we need to continue to improve our quality of life in Sumter County, and that can only happen through job creation. Jobs are attracted by having good infrastructure and a sound education system. I will work on those issues so that Sumter will continue to be a great place to work and live.

I will also continue to focus on providing reliable, effective constituent service for the people of Sumter. This has been an emphasis of mine since first running for office, and I am extremely proud of the people we have been able to help during my time in the General Assembly. Without a doubt, I will continue to be laser-focused on offering good constituent service!

What are you proud of having accomplished while in office?

I am most proud of having established a "seat at the table" for Sumter in the legislative decision-making process. It is important that our community is represented when issues like road and bridge funding, veterans affairs, education and the state budget are discussed. I am now in a position to ensure that Sumter is not only a part of the discussion but that we have a significant role in determining the solution to these challenges. It cannot be overstated how proud I am to have played a role in attracting employers to our community, obtaining our fair share of road dollars and fighting for equal footing with larger metropolitan areas.

What within the State House of Representatives are you pleased with?

The House of Representatives is always the leader in being pro-active for government reform and budgeting. The House has also been the leader in passing military-friendly legislation to improve quality of life for our military members and retirees. We have also balanced the state budget every year since I have been in the House, even during the recession. Just as important, when issues arise like the nuclear fiasco or the flooding disaster, the House of Representatives always comes together and is quick to respond in a meaningful and impactful manner. I appreciate the energy and willingness of the House to be aggressive in confronting the challenges that face our state.

What do you want to improve or change about District 67?

I want Sumter to be self-sufficient. That sounds ambitious, but if we continue to create outstanding job opportunities, then people will want to live and remain in our community. We will have a strong tax base and an outstanding support system that involves educational opportunities, wonderful neighborhoods and a strong infrastructure. This will allow us to weather any economic situations that occur while always being mindful of the tremendous quality of life that we enjoy in Sumter.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that



prompted you to run?

I first ran for office because my family has always believed in giving back to our community. My mother and father instilled a sense of

appreciation and gratitude in their children, and there comes a time in everyone's life when there is a time to serve your community that has provided us so much. The opportunity arose to run for the S.C. House of Representatives, and it has been an absolute honor to serve in the General Assembly. I have a law practice and will eventually return to it full-time, but, for now, I think, it is my responsibility to work for Sumter and our great state. I hope the voters of District 67 will allow me to continue that service for the foreseeable future.

**A Leader For Change
Vote To Elect**



Dr. Frank Baker
Sumter School
District at Large Seat
**Tuesday,
November 6, 2018**

**A Clear Choice:
Change for Children
Our Children Need
Good Leaders for
Better Schools.
It Is Up To You!**

Vote!!!

Paid for by Frank Baker

Bonnie Disney

**Tuesday, November 6th
Sumter School Board
At-Large**

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Colin Davis
Sumter City Council Ward 5

- Member of Sumter County Board of Zoning Appeals
- Previous member of Sumter County Tax Board of Appeals
- President of South Carolina Recyclers & Dismantlers Association
- Small Business Owner - Barnette's Auto Parts
- Lifelong Sumter Resident
- Member of First Presbyterian Church

VOTE NOVEMBER 6

PAID FOR BY COLIN DAVIS FOR CITY COUNCIL

CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

District 1 precinct includes six areas: Calvary, Panola, Summerton 1, Summerton 2, Summerton 3 and Davis Station. Voters who live in these precincts can choose up to three candidates. This race is non-partisan.



TONY JUNIOUS

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

Graduate of Scott's Branch High School Class of 1995 and studied business and management at Everst University

Occupation:

Service tech at Summerton Drugs

Do you have previous experience in government or politics? When were you first elected? I was first elected on the Clarendon County School Board in 2002. I

also served on the Summerton Town Council for one term.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

During my tenure, the district, under the governance guidance of the local Board of Trustees, has enacted policies and procedures to ensure fidelity of implementation of many programs and projects. The district has also received several instructional, school readiness and extended learning grants.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am a resident of Clarendon School District 1, born, raised and a 1995 graduate of Scott's Branch High School. Please note my additional qualified attributes contributed to Clarendon District 1:

- I am currently a member of Clarendon 1 Board of Trustees in the capacity of chairman.
- I am a former Summerton Town Council member.

- I am currently employed at Summerton Drugs and Compound (seven years).

- I am a member of the Summerton Duck Festival Committee and Summerton Revitalization Board and am a certified volunteer for South Carolina Red Cross.

What is your platform, i.e. what priorities will you focus on if re-elected?

My goals are to:

- Continue working to ensure that our children receive the best quality of education;
- Promote equal and fair opportunities for all faculty, staff and students in the district;
- Ensure that your tax dollars are spent for the purposes of the intent; and
- Continue working as an advocate for our children, staff and communities.

What are you most proud of having accomplished in office?

What within District 1 are you happy with?

Ensuring that our students receive a quality education and have highly qualified teachers.

One team, one vision, every student, every day!

What do you want to improve or change in District 1?

I would want to help improve in our school readiness and extended learning programs and preparing our students for college or the workforce.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

My passion for education and serving our communities.



KEITH BOWMAN

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

Received a diploma from Scott's Branch High School in 1995

Occupation:

An employee of the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Do you have previous experience in government or politics? When were you first elected? I had no

experience in government or politics before I became a Clarendon District 1 School Board member in 2014. Being a board member for four years has gained me some experience.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I am a husband and the father of three children; I have two that are students in Clarendon District 1. One is a Junior at

Scott's Branch High School, and the other is a fifth grader at St. Paul Elementary. And I also have one that is a freshman at Benedict College in Columbia. I am also a business owner.

What qualifies you for this position?

My four years on the Clarendon District 1 School Board has gained me experience and along with being a registered voter as well as a resident and living in the legal boundaries of the district.

What is your platform i.e., what priorities will you focus on if re-elected?

If I am re-elected for the Clarendon District 1 School Board, my focus will remain on the continuous growth of the district and continue to advocate for the children by ensuring that the district remains fiscally sound, that all facilities

and classes are safe, orderly and well-maintained and to make sure that all students are college and career ready. I also will continue to make sure that all students are provided the necessary human resources.

What are you most proud of having accomplished in office?

Because the board consists of nine members, it is a team effort to make sure that our district is successful. A few of the accomplishments that I'm most proud that we have achieved are that we have reduced the cost on expenditures and put more money in the classrooms to better educate our students in Clarendon District 1.

What within District 1 board are you happy with?

I'm most happy with the fact that my fellow board members and I are able to

successfully collaborate and do what's necessary to keep Clarendon School District 1 students and staff our top priority.

What do you want to improve or change in District 1?

If there was anything I could change, it would be to have more parents become more active and involved in their children's educational growth by attending the necessary meetings and becoming familiar with their child's teacher because a good parent/teacher relationship is extremely important.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

The future of my children and the children of Clarendon District 1 is my No. 1 reason, to ensure that every child receives the quality level of education that they deserve.



BERNARD RICHBURG

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

I am a recipient of several post-secondary degrees. I have a

Bachelors of Arts Degree in Business Administration/Organizational Management and a Masters of Divinity. I also received a Doctorate of Sacred Theology, Pastoral Counseling and Philosophy.

Occupation:

Full-time pastor

Do you have previous experience in government or politics? When were you first elected?

Yes, I have been elected for three four-year terms as a member of Clarendon School District 1's Board of Trustees (2004-2016).

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Other aspects of my employment history include having served as a New York City and State Law Enforcement

Officer (retired) a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Scott's Branch High School junior varsity and varsity basketball coach, AAU traveling basketball coach, Clarendon County Recreation coach and martial arts sensei black belt instructor.

What qualifies you for this position?

I have previously served as a member of Clarendon School District 1 Board of Trustees (2004-2016) and was appointed by my colleagues as parliamentarian and board chairman. During each term, new challenges and directions have shaped the course of education. From the Common Core State Standards to the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards, changes in various types of state assessments, increased accountability, reduction of funding revenues and a shrinking tax base, all have provided insight into the transformational changes in education. With the noted changes and a plethora of others, as an effective and visionary leader, I have remained on the forefront of being abreast with current and emerging

trends. Being knowledgeable of the trends and demands of educating a technology-savvy generation of students has motivated me to work tirelessly for the best interest of all students; ensuring equality and equity of services to all. As important, my life's experiences and calling as a spiritual leader and public servant have equipped me to serve more effectively by being a better listener, follower and servant.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if re-elected?

As a candidate for Clarendon School District 1 Board of Trustees, I am inspired to be an advocate to help ensure that all students are prepared for a 21st-century global world. This includes making sure that all students and certified employees have access to latest technology and other tangible resources, but at the same time being keenly fiscally responsible of tax payers dollars.

What are you most proud of having accomplished in office?

Not provided

What within the Clarendon

School District One Board are you happy with?

There are many positive changes that are contributing to the progressive and forward direction that the district is making. Current and available technological resources, including 3-D printers, laptops, iPads and other devices, have positively impacted the level of learning and student engagement. Other positive highlights of the district include: recruitment of highly qualified teachers, continuous professional development for certified and support staff, improved test scores, Advance Ed accreditation, safe, clean and highly maintained facilities, grants for after-school programs, professional development, literacy, STEM and fine arts classes and parental involvement and engagement.

What do you want to improve or change in Clarendon School District One Board?

One of the notable changes is the availability of technology for all students through a one-to-one initiative. One of the pressing issues that need to be

addressed is the declining enrollment in the student population. Another issue that is equally as impactful on revenues and the local school district's budget is the number of unfunded or limited-funded mandates.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Simply, my desire to serve as an advocate for children was the chief factor for seeking a term. I believe that all children deserve the highest-quality of education. I believe that those who serve our children should be given the support and resources they need in preparing our children for a brighter and better future. I believe in a better tomorrow that begins with preparation and the highest quality of service in the classroom, within the community, and with the CSD1's family. This belief and my desire to continue the work set forth in making the district a premier one served as the motivational factor for my desire to seek a term as a member of the Board of Trustees.



CINDY RISHER

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

B.S. Elementary Education; M Ed., M.A. in Human Behavior and Conflict Management

Occupation: Retired

Do you have previous experience in government or politics? When were you first elected.

First elected in 2014

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I am married, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am a retired educator with almost 30 years experience with the vast majority as a classroom teacher.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if re-elected?

Fiscal responsibility with transparency, higher standards for students and all stakeholders, accountability for teachers,

administrators and board members.

What are you most proud of having accomplished in office?

My 100 percent attendance rate at all stated and called board meetings has allowed me to never miss a vote or state my opinion(s) on agenda items.

What within the Clarendon School Board 1 are you happy with?

Under the strong leadership of our superintendent and legal counsel, our board is clear as to what board member roles and responsibilities are.

What do you want to improve or

change in Clarendon School District 1?

Retaining highly effective teachers and staff members

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I was first approached in 2012 by community members to run for the board. I considered it an honor to be asked and did. It was my first run for office and, while I didn't make the cut that year, I did in 2014. I was asked by community members to run for a second term, and I accepted the challenge.



BESSIE LEONARD did not submit answers by press time. She is running as a challenger.

QUEEN DURANT WASHINGTON has dropped out of the race.

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL, WARD 5

Voters who live in Sumter City Council's Ward 5, which includes the most western portion of the City of Sumter, can choose one candidate. This is a non-partisan race.



COLIN DAVIS
What is your educational background, including the highest degree/certification you have obtained?

Graduate of Clarendon Hall School, Associate Degree in Natural Resource Management from Central Carolina Technical College

Current occupation: Vice president of Barnette's Auto Parts

Do you have any previous experience in government or politics?

Sumter County Board of Zoning

Appeals, Sumter County Tax Board of Appeals

Have you run for any other office in the past?

No

What else would you like voters to know about your background?

In addition to operating a small business, I have spent 10 years as president of the South Carolina Recyclers and Dismantlers Association.

What qualifies you for this position?

1. Business owner/management experience
2. As a member of the Board of Zoning, appeals I have been in

the unique position to interpret local zoning/building ordinances and grant variances where needed for citizens and businesses to achieve a result that is positive for both the applicant and community as a whole

3. Lifelong resident of Sumter with ties to the community and a vested interest in the success of Sumter

What issues will you focus on if elected?

1. Promoting business/industrial growth and investment
2. Protecting existing industry
3. Developing and maintaining a trained workforce through educational opportunity and

training

4. Maintaining and improving existing infrastructure and services

What within Sumter City Council are you pleased with?

1. Council has done a good job of maintaining a stable tax rate while continuing to provide citizens with necessary services and recreational opportunity.
2. The working relationship/partnership with other local agencies that focus on growth and quality of life of residents.

What do you want to improve or change?

1. Expand water and sewer to facilitate continued

development

2. Encourage redevelopment of vacant commercial sites

3. Work to improve and expand skilled labor and technical training opportunities for local students

4. Offer a fresh perspective on existing issues we as a community face

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I feel that, as a citizen of this community, I have a responsibility to serve and participate in shaping the future of Sumter to ensure that our city remains a great place live, work and raise a family.



BOB GALIANO
What is your educational background, including the highest degree/certification you have obtained?

I was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, and graduated from Hillsborough High School. I then attended Purdue University, where I received an International Baccalaureate Certificate before joining the U.S. Air Force, where I served during the Vietnam War. I continue to be actively involved with the Shaw community.

Current occupation: I am the owner of a successful small business that was established in 1977 and has developed into multiple locations. I am also a Realtor and have been for 43 years.

When were you first elected?

I was first elected to City Council in 1992 and have proudly served the citizens of this community since.

Have you run for any other office in the past?

I have never run for any other office before serving on City Council.

What else would you like voters to know about your background?

I would like the voters to know that I have

always taken pride in representing them and being their voice in matters that are important for our community. As always, I am available to take phone calls or meet face-to-face with our citizens to discuss any matter that is important to them. I will continue to be a councilman who fights for what is best for Sumter and its great people.

What qualifies you for this position?

Having served the citizens of Sumter for 26 years, I am currently the longest-serving councilmember and have addressed many issues in that time. I also have been involved in the community in many other aspects. I was co-founder of the Uptown Sumter Association, a member of Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors and a past chairman of Santee Lynches Regional Development Board of Directors. I am also a current member of the National League of Cities. I was a former vice chair of the South Carolina Municipal Association. I was past president of the local and state Association of Realtors, also serving multiple terms on the State and National Professional Standards Committee (Ethics) and served as Mayor Pro-Temp for the city, as well.

What issues will you focus on if re-elected?

I will continue to focus on industry recruitment and commercial growth, to improve the lives of not only the constituents in Ward 5 but every member of this great community. I will also continue to control expenditures so as not to increase taxes for the citizens of Sumter.

What are you proud of having accomplished while in office?

I am most proud of being a pivotal part in the largest economic growth in Sumter's history. This growth is due to industry recruitment, industrial education training through CCTC, supporting the growth of new infrastructure development as well as redevelopment. I have encouraged annexation of properties to increase the size and population of the city. I have aided in creating incoming tourist revenue with the addition of the tennis center, ball parks, as well as the aquatics center. I have helped to make improvements to Swan Lake as well as helped revitalize downtown buildings, which has improved the appearance and therefore increasing revenue and encouraging local events, which are enjoyed not just by our community but by out-of-town guests, as well.

What within Sumter City Council are you pleased with?

Serving on City Council has been such an honor. I am blessed to have worked alongside many community leaders and representatives who really care about Sumter and its citizens. They work extremely hard everyday to have a positive impact on the community.

What do you want to improve or change in the city of Sumter?

To improve Sumter, I will continue to work diligently to bring in small businesses as well as industry and to enhance our commercial retail presence.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

When I made the decision to run for this office many years ago, I believed then, and still do, that the closest thing to true democracy is to serve your fellow citizens in local government. You encounter your constituents at church, school events and other various places in the community and are always accessible to listen and react to their needs. A leader counts on the trust of the people they serve and does the right thing for them.



CHRIS HILDITCH
What is your educational background, including the highest degree/certification you have obtained?

Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies from Central Carolina Technical College; Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University; Graduate of South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy with Basic Law Enforcement Certificate in 2000; Leadership Sumter Class XXIII Graduate and current Tuomey Fellows Class XIX

Current occupation?

Property manager for Sumter County Government

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I currently work in county government for the past couple of years and formerly worked for Sumter County Sheriff's Office

Have you run for any other office in the past?

No, I have not.

What else would you like voters to know about your background?

I have previous experience in the legal field as an investigator and paralegal. I have also been a business owner of my own private investigative business. Besides that, and more importantly, I am an Air Force veteran, where I served four years on active duty and four years in the reserves here at Shaw Air Force Base and abroad as a security Police/forces member.

What qualifies you for this position?

I may be new to politics but am not new to being a leader and serving others. I have experience in leading and thinking logically outside the box when necessary. In my leadership experience, I have always listened to the ideas of others and the issues that are important to them. I strive to lead with humility and integrity. I am qualified for this position because I have organized and lead many events in my church community of St. Anne and St. Jude and have held leadership roles for several years with the Knights of Columbus. I have previously been very involved in our local Chamber

of Commerce and am currently in the Tuomey Fellows Class XIX.

What issues will you focus on if elected?

If elected, I would focus on continuing the progress that Sumter has seen in the years that I have lived here. I would like to work on increasing our quality of life within the city and attracting more businesses and industries to make Sumter their home. I would further like to work in a united manner with the county government and the citizens of our city at battling litter and other codes violations in order to make Sumter more attractive for people and businesses to move to our city and stay here.

What within Sumter City Council are you pleased with?

I am pleased with the fact that our City Council is civil towards one another and works in concert with each other to promote the city and does what is best for the citizens of our community.

What do you want to improve or change about the city of Sumter?

I would like to improve the image of

Sumter. I would like for more people to come to Sumter to shop, play, eat and be entertained who live in other parts of our state. I know that others would like to see this, as well. I would like to see more done with the aesthetics of our city in regards to codes and litter issues and look to find solutions to deal with these problems. I believe that when all parts of our city look great, people will want to come to Sumter for everything. I believe that this will help us continue on the progress of growth that we have been on over the years.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I've always had an interest in running for office. After having worked in county government and working with personnel within the City of Sumter, I decided that I could do a lot of good for the citizens of Sumter by running for and hopefully being elected as a member of City Council for the 5th Ward. Public service has always been a part of me and always will. There was no specific event, situation or reason that prompted me to run, only a desire to serve.

SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD, AT LARGE

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Any Sumter County voter can choose up to two candidates to represent the school system as a whole, not based on districts. This is a non-partisan race.



JAMES BURTON
Educational background:
 Bachelor's in Business Administration at Winthrop University
Occupation:

Industrial plant operations manager at Continental Tire, Sumter plant

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have no previous government experience. This is the first time I have run for public office.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I have two children in the Sumter public school system (third and sixth grade). I am a Certified Purchasing Manager (CPM)

from the Institute of Supply Management. Since moving to Sumter six years ago, I have supported children by coaching soccer and basketball through the local Parks and Rec and YMCA, respectively. We are members of Alice Drive Baptist Church.

What qualifies you for this position?

I'm a local industry leader with knowledge of what our school system needs to develop a capable workforce. A fresh face to a topic that needs bold and creative ideas. A passionate individual who wants to improve a situation that is vital to the foundation of the community, not just for my children but by laying the groundwork for years to come. A member of a global startup team at Continental that implemented a multimillion-dollar manufacturing facility in Sumter County.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Improve school safety; teacher retention and development; implement foreign language into all elementary schools; improve the readiness of our children to enter the workforce; and contractual/capital spending.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

No answer provided

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I would like to see the transparency improve between the school board and community. Communication needs to be a primary focus; identifying key performance indicators and taking a more

business approach to the board; improve accountability; and the reduction of executive sessions.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

After living here for a few years, it was apparent that great things were happening within the schools. However, the community of Sumter is disillusioned by the school board; thus, distracting from what the hard-working teachers are doing. So, I take the opportunity to not read signs about corruption or the assessment of others but rather choose to get involved and share/implement my ideas to support the children, teachers, administrators and overall well-being of this community.

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J. FRANK BAKER

Educational background:

Doctorate of Education in Education

Administration with a concentration in Curriculum from South Carolina State University; Masters of Education in Secondary Guidance and Counseling from the University of South Carolina; Bachelor's in Social Studies with a minor in Education from the University of South Carolina.

Occupation:

Retired; lifelong educator

Do you have experience in government or politics?

No. I have never held a political office; I have, however, worked with many school boards throughout my career and especially during my time as a school superintendent. Throughout my career, I was always an advocate for children with Sumter County Council, the legislative delegation, other local and state lawmakers and business and civic leaders.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I began my career in education as a social studies teacher and was a counselor, an administrator, the director of guidance services, the director of human resources and held a variety of other jobs in the district before becoming superintendent in 1992. I retired from Sumter School District 2 in 2011 and returned two years later when asked by Sumter School Board to

become interim superintendent and then ultimately full-time superintendent. I retired again in 2017. I served many years as an adjunct professor at USC Sumter, where I taught courses in the teacher education program. I have served on numerous boards and committees during my lifetime, and I am a deacon and have worked with the Sunday School in my church throughout my life.

I am a lifelong resident of Pisgah and have a farm near my home. I enjoy spending time with my large family, my friends, in my garden, at my church and in my community. Since my retirement, I have remained active in the community and enjoy working with and supporting young people any way I can.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am uniquely qualified because I have experience in every aspect of the school business. I have dedicated my entire life to the children and families of the public schools in Sumter. I know generations of the families, teachers and others who are involved in our schools. I understand curriculum, I know school law, I am very familiar with the role of school board members, I am knowledgeable about the latest programs and trends in education, and I am an advocate for young people. The Sumter School Board is the perfect place to utilize my knowledge, background and experience to serve my community and to work to enhance the educational experience for all our families

and employees.

What is your platform, i.e. what priorities will you focus on if elected?

My motto for this campaign is "A Leader for Children." In all I do, I will keep the students first in mind. I understand and know firsthand the struggles our students face today and also the ever-increasing demands on our teachers. Together with and in support of the superintendent, the board must address challenging instructional issues, the creation of innovative incentives for the recruitment and retention of quality teachers and the need to equip our classrooms with the latest technology. We must not lose sight of the basics. Since the enactment of the S.C. Read to Succeed comprehensive reading reform law, far too many third graders are not meeting the reading standards and are being retained. One of my priorities will be to focus on an effective reading curriculum and programs that will address these issues. What we have been doing is not working as well as it should, and if students are not reading on grade level, they suffer in every subject. We need to find a way to fix this. Another priority for me is board member accessibility to all constituents and visibility in the community in order to receive feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders. I also believe the board should be transparent regarding the business of the board whenever that is allowed and appropriate. The community is ready and

willing to partner with us, and we need to welcome their feedback and involve them.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

I am happy with the dedication of the board members and their vision to continue the commitment to technology, the STEM and STEAM programs and to preparing students to be college and career ready.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want to use my knowledge and experience with schools throughout the city and county and my relationship with the people we serve to improve the opportunities for all students. I will consider our children first, in every decision, and be fair, equitable and accessible to all my constituents. I will support and work with the superintendent to increase our efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers who have a heart for children. I want to continue to enhance the perception of the district. Sumter School District has so many outstanding students, employees, facilities and programs, and I want the public to know how good they all are. Finally, I pledge to bring a common-sense approach to the governance of the district and to listen to employees, students and families to stay abreast of the ever-evolving issues and challenges they face.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I cannot point to a specific moment when I decided this was something I should do. I just felt called to serve. I have always had a heart for servant leadership. I understand the challenges of this school district to serve rural, urban and military-connected students. In addition to the students and their families, I also have a heart for teachers and want to be a voice for them in the areas of recruitment, retention and compensation. I have a lifetime of experience in every aspect of working in and leading a school district, and I can make meaningful contributions to the board that will support the district leadership and all those working in the schools in their quest to ensure a high quality education in a safe environment. It is imperative that knowledgeable and dedicated board members are in place as the district moves forward and lays the groundwork for the future. I believe I am uniquely qualified to fill this role, and I humbly ask for the support of the voters. I have no hidden agenda; I simply believe I have more to give to the children in Sumter and know I can make a positive difference by serving on the board. I pledge to work tirelessly for the families in this community. With all the board members, administration, and the greater Sumter community working together, we can make Sumter School District the best it can be and produce college and career-ready students who will be the future leaders of Sumter.



BONNIE S. DISNEY

Educational background:

Bachelors from Baylor University; Masters from

Wayne State University; Masters Plus 30 from University of South Carolina, University of California Berkeley, Middlebury College; Juris Doctorate (Law Degree) from Capital University Law School.

Occupation:

Retired educator

Do you have previous experience in government or politics? When were you first elected?

Served on the South Carolina State Board of Education for the 3rd Judicial Circuit from 2008-12; Appointed by the legislative delegation to be an at-large member of Sumter School Board in 2017

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Married to Vern Disney II and mother of our five grown children — all of whom attended and graduated from public schools. I have grandchildren in Sumter public schools, and I have other grandchildren in public schools in Greenville and Midland, Texas.

I taught in public schools in Texas, Arizona, California, Ohio and South Carolina (13 years at Sumter High School); taught in Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Karamursel, Turkey, and Okinawa, Japan; and worked for the state Department of Education as a teacher specialist-on-site assisting school districts in Clarendon 1 and Lee County. I have been published in a National English Journal; was co-presenter at the National Writing Project Conference; awarded Sumter District 17 Teacher of the Year

(1996); and earned National Board Certification in English language arts (2000-2010).

What qualifies you for this position?

I have an exemplary track record working as a teacher in a variety of state and federal schools. I have worked successfully as a teacher specialist-on-site in an underperforming school to create academic success as measured by state test scores and state ratings. My legal training has prepared me to be analytical, vigilant and to ask critical questions, particularly with all Sumter School District issues.

Having worked for the state Department of Education and having served on the state Board of Education, I understand state and federal educational issues and their importance and impact on our school district, students, teachers, parents and community.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if you retain the seat?

Expand inclusive community dialogue; select and hire the best superintendent for the needs of our students, parents and community; secure a stable financial plan for the future; continue developing business and community partnerships; continue offering Early College and Dual Credit opportunities by partnering with local colleges and technical schools; ensure that all students are career and college ready; strengthen and support teachers' input and voice; develop subject specific magnet schools; create a technical high school; continue to explore and find educational programs to enrich our academic areas; bolster the district's excellence in fine arts; encourage student participation in activities and

athletics; and broaden professional opportunities for all staff.

What are you most proud of having accomplished in office while being appointed to this seat?

In the past 14 months, I have asked for and/or supported the following changes for our district:

Built up the financial fund balance to \$8 million; created and published School Profiles that Realtors, newcomers, business leaders and the military community may use to find out about the opportunities in all of our public schools; had a lunch-and-learn meeting with Realtors at Cherryvale Elementary to share School Profile notebooks and highlight various school programs that were presented by principals; created a Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee; increased the number of schools offering AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination); created a STEAM school at Cherryvale Elementary (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math); increased the number of STEM schools; added NMSI (National Math and Science Initiative) to qualifying schools; increased the state SC READY and SC PASS scores; added Leader in Me in various schools; added Core Knowledge to R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy's academic studies; created a K-8 school; have begun developing magnet schools; strengthened and increased teachers' opportunities for professional development (i.e. E3 Professional Development Conference sponsored by community businesses, and Powerful Practices for administrators).

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

For the past year, the school board has had a collaborative relationship and focused

collectively upon doing what is best for children. Discussions have been productive and have promoted solutions that best serve the students, parents and community.

During the past year, we have begun to move in the right direction to achieve excellence. We have enriched schools' curricula with powerful programs such as Leader in Me, STEAM, STEM, Core Knowledge, AVID and NMSI. We are working with businesses and the Economic Development Board to help create a world-class educational system for our students. Also, we have increased the professional opportunities for administrators and teachers. We must continue to grow and develop into a powerful educational system where students achieve and grow without limits. We must not allow our school system to go backward; rather, we must continue to go forward.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want to improve our public image. We need to ensure that our public schools' opportunities and achievements are being promoted and shared vigorously and properly within our Sumter County community. One negative incident may become overblown while 90 noteworthy positive events may be ignored or even unknown to our community. Our schools' programs and achievements must be highlighted and promoted vigorously. I will be an outspoken advocate for our public schools and speak truthfully about our accomplishments.

I also want to continue our school-wide quest that all our students be career or college ready as our state standards require for all students in

public schools in South Carolina. Our state standards mandate this standard; therefore, we must strive for this goal.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

The major reason I have decided to run for the Sumter School Board At-Large position is that I know our district has the potential to excel and be a model district for excellence and achievement. We have many assets that will support our educational system. Sumter County has a major military base, a vibrant Economic and Development Board that constantly brings in major industries to our county, a supportive business community, 17,000 students with unlimited abilities, outstanding principals, teachers and support personnel in our schools, and a community that wants our school district to prepare student learners to be career and/or college ready, as state standards require.

Another key reason for my choosing to run for the board position is that I want the Sumter School District to choose the right superintendent for our district because that will be the most important decision that our school board will make. Additionally, the new superintendent will need an informed and supportive school board open to progressive ideas. We simply cannot make a mistake in that choice.

In the one year that I have served on the school board as a legislative appointee, I have been a strong voice for school improvement and academic excellence for all students in all Sumter School District schools. We have made substantial advancements, but we do not need to rest. We need to continue to go forward, not backward.

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LLOYD HUNTER

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

Ed.D., Educational

Administration, South Carolina State University; Masters in Education, Elementary Education, University of South Carolina; Bachelor's, Social Studies, South Carolina State College

Occupation:

Retired educator

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

My professional experience has been in education. I ran for a seat in the first election for the new Sumter County School District Board.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Married to Anita P. Hunter; we have three daughters and one granddaughter. My daughters are educators, as well; one is a school counselor, and two are school administrators.

What qualifies you for this position?

Demonstrated competence in a variety of opportunities at all levels of education and community involvement to include:

Adjunct Faculty, Howard University, Washington, D.C.; Superintendent, Lee County School District; Superintendent, McCormick County School District; Principal, Eau Claire High School, Columbia; Principal, Bates Middle School (Sumter School District 17); Assistant Principal, Sumter High School (Sumter School District 17); Assistant Principal, Shaw Heights Elementary School (Sumter School District 2); Member, Board of Directors Camps & Retreats, S.C.; Conference of the United Methodist Church; Member, S.C. Association of School Administrators; Member, Phi Delta Kappa (Chapter President); Member, McCormick Rotary Club; Member, Abbeville/McCormick Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors; Member, St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Camden; Member, The Goodfellows of Sumter; Master Mason.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

My agenda is to improve teaching and learning in all our schools. This demands that there is an effective principal in every school

without exception. Schools should be organized and configured to best facilitate student learning and wellbeing. Also, it's important to encourage working conditions that attract and retain competent and caring teachers and other employees. Participatory management should also be encouraged. Planning the effective use of other basic principles of management should also be encouraged.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

Current Sumter School Board members are very successful individuals in a variety of areas with an assortment of competencies, and they want Sumter County to have schools of high quality. A recent report that student performance increased last year is encouraging. Sumter County has a strong desire and the resources to effectively educate all its students.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want to improve the level of leadership and management skills at all levels, encourage a cohesive culture focused on improving student learning with a high level of

expectation everywhere. Discipline, safety, order and an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect are top priorities throughout the district; encourage and welcome parental and community involvement; encourage community schools and quality afterschool programs; improving school facilities must become a priority.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

The increasing decline of Sumter School District's performance and the very costly consequences of this preventable problem compelled me to run as a civic responsibility. The devastating effects of school failure manifest itself in a variety of ways, including having negative influences on community safety, economic development, property values, the cost of social programs and the overall quality of life in our community. Knowing how to turn around failing schools and having successfully demonstrated so on numerous occasions, I am confident that I will bring to the board skills required to begin an immediate turnaround in Sumter County School District.



JAY LINGINFELTER

Educational background:

Associate Degree in Business

Management at Central Carolina Technical College. Placed fourth worldwide in an international business competition. Received academic achievement award upon graduation.

Occupation:

Multiple Listing Service (MLS) director at the Sumter Board of Realtors.

Do you have previous experience in government or

politics?

First time running for a public office.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Air Force veteran, licensed Realtor, graduate of South Carolina Realtor Leadership Class, 2017. I love sports and have coached several youth sports over the years with the Sumter County Parks and Recreation Department. I believe in getting involved in the community and everyone working together for the greater good.

What qualifies you for this position?

I have served or am serving on

several community organization boards to include: Sumter Sertoma Club (current treasurer), Habitat for Humanity (current secretary), Sumter Board of Realtors (past treasurer) and Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council (past council member).

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Money: We need to demand full funding from the state and that our local government fund the school district to at least the state average. This will allow us to hire and retain teachers, lower class sizes, shorten bus rides, fund

student programs and keep schools open. Financial accountability is a must.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

I like the focus on STEAM and STEM programs that we have recently had. I am pleased that the board meets at the local schools. I am excited for growth in the Career Center and hope to add more programs and business partnerships.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want to improve the district's financial status and communication with the public.

I do not want to see additional school closures because this is not only bad for students but also for communities, property values and business attraction. I want to decrease state testing and allow more time for learning in classes.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

1) People not wanting to live here because of our schools' test grades. This has been a topic many times in my real estate career. 2) The opportunity to hire a new superintendent after the last two left their positions under a cloud of turmoil. 3) Seeing teachers struggle financially and have to take up second jobs.



BUBBA RABON

Educational background:

1967 Edmunds High School graduate; attended Columbia Commercial College

Occupation:

Real estate developer, restaurant manager

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

None. I did run in the most recent primary

for Sumter County Council.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

U.S. Navy veteran; served on the board of Horry County State Bank; presently on local board for the Salvation Army of Sumter; lobbied in Washington, D.C.

What qualifies you for this position?

My experience in contract negotiations, personnel recruitment and, most of all, my

experience in diversified education.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

1) Prayer and discipline back in the schools.
2) Make Sumter School District a great place to work and learn.
3) Put diversified education and occupational education back in the schools.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

Its ability to recruit more qualified teachers.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

1) Leadership.
2) Financial office and accounting.
3) Overall transparency of the board.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Accounting of the funds in the budget for the last four years.



WILLIAM BYRD

did not submit answers by press time. He was one of the two members appointed to the at-large seat by the legislative delegation but has not attended board meetings since this summer due to an illness.



SHAWN RAGIN

did not submit answers by press time. He has run twice before for Sumter County Coroner.

SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

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Residents in District 1 of the Sumter School District, which covers northwestern Sumter in the Rembert, Horatio, Cherryvale and DeLaine and Manchester Forest areas, can choose one candidate. This race is non-partisan.



BRIAN L. ALSTON

Educational background:

Attended Sumter County public

schools. A 2006 graduate of Columbia High School. Bachelor's degree in Sociology, minor in Criminal Justice, from Morehouse College

Occupation:

Coordinator with the state Department of Employment and Workforce

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I was a previous candidate for the S.C. House of Representatives District 50 seat and the Sumter School District Board of Trustees Area 1 seat. I served as a legislative aide for the 120th South Carolina General Assembly in the Office of State Sens. Marlon Kimpson and Assistant Minority Leader John W. Matthews Jr.

In addition, I served as a Jim Clyburn Political Fellow and Hillary Clinton for South Carolina Fellow.

Lastly, I accepted positions at the S.C. Human Affairs Commission as an Equal Employment Opportunity investigator and the state Department of Employment and

Workforce as a workforce support coordinator in the Division of Workforce and Economic Development.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I am a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and High Hills AME Church in Dalzell. I have worked as a preschool team leader with Jumpstart and a researcher and evaluator for Children of Incarcerated Parent(s) at Foreverfamily in Atlanta, Georgia. Secondly, I have recently worked with Camp H.Y.P.E., Summer Enrichment Program serving students in grades K-8 with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and Literacy in Scranton.

The educational and employment endeavors of my maternal grandparents, the late Mr. Jessie V. Alston Sr., owner and operator of Jessie V. Alston Grading & Paving and Alston Barbeque (Po Boy) Club, and Mrs. Mary Lee Alston, formerly Ms. Lee, who served in Sumter School District for 42 1/2 years at F. J. Delaine Elementary School, Wedgefield Primary and Crestwood High School; along with being the oldest son of a late U.S. Marine Corps veteran has been the driving force of my candidacy for Area 1. I completed a semester at sea in

Central America and the Panama Canal while in college with the Honorable Archbishop Desmond Tutu to study issues concerning race, ethnicity, human rights and sustainable development within the Afro-Latin community.

What qualifies you for this position?

Every time change has come to this country, it has been at the hands of young people and youth. I am the youngest candidate running for the board, a product of free and reduced lunch, after-school programs and amazing educators. I am what a good public education looks like.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

I believe in pledging myself as an advocate for equitable public schools services and support across the district. In hopes of improving the morale among school district employees and the community to ensure students attain the required skill sets needed to be successful in a fast-paced workforce and local economy. With the support of the community, I want to fulfill the obligation of addressing educational issues and schools' concerns for the improvement of

youth services and awareness. I want to accomplish the commitment to educate our students by creating strong and rigorous academic programs that prepare them for the demands of the 21st century with a focus on college prep and STEAM.

As an experienced community organizer, with the support of students, educators, businesses and industry and communities, I will network with elected officials at every level of government to provide safe and modern buses; express the importance of improving the roads to safely transport our students and staff; insist on expansion of services to produce a healthy student population; provide a safe learning environment; formulate a plan for the district's unoccupied properties; work to increase salaries to aid in recruitment; address retention and morale of district staff; and address the minimally adequate education system as stated in the Constitution of the State of South Carolina.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

The implementation of strong and rigorous academic programs that prepare students for the demands of the 21st century with a focus on college prep and STEAM.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School

District?

The voices of our students can only be heard through someone with a desire to listen and lead. We must ensure the students attain the required skilled sets needed to be successful in a fast-paced workforce and local economy. The youth education and talent within the communities and throughout the county must be valued and invested because they are the present and our future. A voice for our children, educators, businesses and industry and communities, in particular our rural communities, a native and product of Area 1 is their candidate. The future of Area 1 and Sumter School District rests on the shoulders of Brian L. Alston for Sumter School District Board of Trustees, District 1.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

District 1 and Sumter School District deserves a board member who will strengthen the policies; work to improve the budget; work with the Sumter County Legislative Delegation, Sumter County Council and our towns and communities; in particular, working with our rural communities on issues of importance to the schools; and oversee the efficient operation of the district.

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BARBARA BOWMAN
Educational background:
Associate in Business Management from West Los Angeles

College, California; Bachelor's in Interior and Environmental Design from University of California, Los Angeles.

Occupation:
Insurance agent

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

Worked as operations director for the South Carolina State Democratic Party for five years. Also, I worked under the supervision of State Sen. John W. Matthews, District 39, as a leadership program coordinator, where I administered and managed a Rural Leadership Development Initiative for Lower Orangeburg/

Upper Dorchester Community Development Cooperation for two years, funded through a matched grant. Then, in 2016, I ran for Sumter County Council, District 1. I am currently the chairwoman of the Sumter County Democratic Party.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Have served 15 years with a nonprofit organization called the Auntie Karen Foundation. Its mission is to enrich, to empower and to educate underserved children in cultural arts and music and healthy eating. I sit on the executive planning committee for our programs and on the grant writing committee.

I also worked six years as a program coordinator under the direction of the Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development/Sandhills location. Worked 20 years as a flight attendant for an international airline (Pan American

Airways) and traveled extensively.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am a single parent who has raised a son in Area 1 schools. I am also a concerned citizen, taxpayer and community activist. I conduct research for grants, and I'm an excellent grant writer at getting needed funding for needed curriculum and after-school programs.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

My primary focus is and will be additional funding for school programs, primarily after-school programs, i.e. creative writing, leadership projection skills, soft skills and articulating thought through writing.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

I believe strides have been made since my adult son attended the public schools in rural Area 1 with the introduction of STEM courses in the curriculum, as well as having arts and cultural awareness in the classrooms. College-prep classes on the high school level is definitely a giant step, and the IB program at one high school — Sumter High — makes me feel Sumter County public schools are working earnestly to bring our children into the 21st century.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want to improve and change the image that we are plagued with about our children being left out and left behind. Also, I want to improve our school dropout rate. I will work hard to see that more writing workshops and soft skills are available to prep our children from the youngest to the older ones for

college and for the workforce. I want there to be a better connection with the parents of children attending our rural schools in Area 1. I will use the door-to-door and neighbor-to-neighbor approach, making myself available and accountable. It's all about relationships and relating to the parents' needs and concerns.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Frankly, there are quite a few reasons I'm running for this seat, but my major concern was about the school closings in Area 1 and not advising our parents and our community of such decision. After all, we are taxpayers and our schools are public; therefore, we deserve to know when something as major as this interruption happens long before it's presented at a school board monthly meeting. I am looking forward to serving and being that fresh voice to represent Area 1.



CALEB KERSHAW JR. did not submit answers by press time.



MARK MYERS did not submit answers by press time.

SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2 Continued on page C12

Voters who live in District 2 of Sumter School District, which covers a northwest portion of Sumter County to include Dalzell, Stateburg, Shaw Air Force Base and a small area of Rembert down to Carter Road and the city, can choose one candidate. This race is non-partisan.



JOHN MICHALIK
Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

Bachelor's in Business Management, Wilmington University (Delaware); Masters +30, Masters in Education, Cambridge College (Massachusetts); Masters in Educational Leadership, University of South Carolina. I have served our community in education for 20 years as a business teacher, assistant principal and principal of the Sumter Career Center and Lakewood High School.

Occupation:
Retired educator, retired business operations manager

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have never served as an elected official and

never run for office, but I have always made a point to stay informed.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I have 20 years of previous business managerial experience in the private sector. That experience includes demographic studies, planning, implementing and evaluation of businesses, including proforma budgeting and allocation of resources. I have been responsible for over \$30 million in revenue and assets, along with managing human resources, profitability and customer service.

What qualifies you for this position?

My unique background in education, combined with my business background, differentiates me from the other candidates. My role both as a business leader and educational leader qualifies me to be a part of the new school board as our community moves in a progressive manner

to provide a world-class educational system for our community.

What is your platform, i.e. what priorities will you focus on if elected?

The board's first major priority will be to hire our next superintendent. I support a thorough search for the most-highly qualified candidate from whom to pick. My overall platform is to provide as much support as we can for our teachers and students and ultimately all stakeholders. Having worked in the schools, I know what our administrators and teachers need with regard to their overall support and training and how that is communicated at all levels. We need fewer pullouts from the classrooms of the teachers and let them all get back to teaching and evaluating. The team goal of improving student academic success starts with the quality of our teachers and the quality of our classroom teaching.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

I am happy with the board's commitment to excellence and its outreach to all the stakeholders in the community. Working together with our parents, business leaders and clergy is key to the success of our children.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I support providing additional opportunities for our students that lead to improved educational outcomes. We must acknowledge that all employees in the district work hard to provide the very best for our students. It will be a priority of mine to be a voice on their behalf.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Upon retiring as a high school principal in June 2018 with challenging health issues, and then learning of the vacancy of the Area 2 school board seat, I felt this would be an opportunity to continue serving our community in a way that could impact the board and the district.



MURRELL SMITH
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 67

MURRELL SMITH FOR SC HOUSE

REPUBLICAN * CONSERVATIVE * EFFECTIVE



I am running for re-election as your State Representative to ensure that our present is protected, and our future is secure. My wife, Macaulay, and I are lifelong residents of Sumter and we are honored to call this community our home. We are proud to be raising our two children, Bee and Murrell, III., in a town with great schools, excellent neighborhoods and the friendliest people in South Carolina.

As your State Representative I am committed to protecting those attributes that make Sumter special and improving those that can make our home even better.

CONSTITUENT SERVICE
Provide a point of contact and communication between state government and the residents of House District 67.

QUALITY OF LIFE
Preserve and Protect our community's rich heritage and quality of life.

WISE SPENDING
Financial responsibility with all expenditures and commitment to cutting waste.

TRAFFIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Invest in our roads and bridges while increasing safety and growth opportunities.

ATTRACT AND RETAIN JOBS
Continue economic development and business retention to recruit and keep good jobs in Sumter County.

EDUCATION
Coordinate college and technical school curricula to provide work force training.

VOTE MURRELL SMITH FOR SC HOUSE * TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2

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SHERRIL RAY

Education background, including highest degree/certification obtained:

Sumter High School graduate; Bachelor's in Secondary Education from Clemson University; Master's in Education Administration from the University of South Carolina

Occupation:

Retired educator

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have never run for public office.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I am married to Billy, a retired U.S. Air Force veteran and educator who is currently employed as a teacher and coach at Sumter High. I am a mother of three sons and have five grandchildren. I have served for many years as a church organist and teach piano and organ lessons. I also volunteer for the Red Cross as a donor ambassador.

What qualifies you for this position?

As an educator, I served 40 years as an English teacher, an assistant principal and a principal at Furman Middle School and Lakewood High School. My experience as a leader in the field of education gives me knowledge and insight that will be valuable as the board works together to determine the direction of the school district. Also, before I retired in 2016, I was the district disciplinary hearing officer and have expertise in managing school discipline and the necessary understanding of board policies and procedures.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

I will focus on changing the perception that the board is not transparent and work on dispelling the lack of trust concerning the

finances. As a board member, I want to build on the many great things happening in the district and address the challenges such as low test scores, large class sizes, discipline problems and the lack of resources.

Working with the legislative delegation as state decisions are made that impact the local district will also be an important goal.

I will have open communication with parents, the community and business and industry to involve everyone in ensuring our students are getting the best education possible. And, most importantly, I will collaborate with other board members in the upcoming search for a superintendent.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

The board has established a good working relationship with local business and industry. Board members are unified on the goal of Sumter School District becoming the best district in the state. The board has also been supportive of the district administration in its efforts to improve the district.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want instructional programs implemented that will prepare students for their future and improve test scores. I want to support teachers by providing needed resources and improving discipline. I want the schools to be maintained in excellent condition. I want taxpayers to be confident that budget decisions are made with accountability and transparency.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I am a lifelong learner, and I have a love of learning and teaching. I spent most of my life working in education, and I decided to run for the school board because as a school board member, I will once again have the opportunity to not only affect the lives of students, but also to impact the future of education in Sumter County.



CHARLES M. SMITH

Educational background:

High school diploma; Licenses:

S.C. Real Estate broker, Residential builder

Occupation:

Businessman: Small-business owner (Smith Properties) to include being a S.C. real estate broker, manufactured home sales representative and residential builder. Also owns C&C Insurance Agency, which is affiliated with Smith Properties

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have never run for political office.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

Member of Green Acres Church; dedicated father and grandfather; diligent worker; strategic planner – short-term objectives to reach long-term goals; and a businessman with a heart for children

What qualifies you for this position?

I have a business background that includes accounting and management and exemplary communication skills.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

To see more of our tax dollars spent in the classroom and

implementing a merit pay scale for quality teachers. Also, to work diligently with CCTC and Team Sumter to prepare a local workforce.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

I'm personally happy with the renovation of the existing schools. Studies indicate the physical appearance of facilities have an impact on students' behavior/performance, teacher/employee satisfaction and community morale as a whole.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I believe as a board, we must focus on quality leadership with our leaders in administration at the district office level. We collectively need proper assessment data in order to identify weaknesses so we can become objective and goal oriented. I also feel we need trained staff and programs, such as counselors, social workers and early learning intervention specialists. I want it to be clear under my guidance that tax dollars are used to ensure — and in accordance with — high student performance.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Yes, I'm very concerned that the tax dollars be used to create a successful district. I honestly believe better pay for our teachers and more money spent in the classroom will extend learning and lift teacher morale.

VOTING SYSTEM FACTS

- The touch screen voting system is a safe, closed system with a number of independent security measures in place to protect and store data.
- Each touch screen voting machine operates independently. The machines are never connected to each other, to a computer network or to the Internet. There is no chance of a "network crash" or of "hackers" gaining access to the system.
- The touch screen machines are not accessible to wireless or wire-based computer systems, nor are they connected to phone or network lines.
- The external ports on the touch screen machines are not compatible with traditional computer "plug and play" or personal computer technology cords or devices.
- If a machine indicates tampering or unauthorized voting, a visible/audible signal will alert election officials.
- Individual touch screen machines cannot be opened unless they are cleared and tested to verify that no tampering has occurred and that a zero vote total is confirmed.
- An election official activates each machine for each voter by inserting an electronic PEB (Personal Electronic Ballot), and then votes can be cast.
- To read votes, the touch screen machine must be properly closed by a poll manager; once closed, the machine cannot be used for voting again until it is cleared and tested.
- Each touch screen voting machine has three independent, but redundant, memory paths that ensure no votes will be lost, altered or miscounted. The touch screen system incorporates a paper audit trail — a patented recount system that allows replication of the entire election process in the event of a contested election, including production of ballot images, if necessary. The ballots are stored and reproduced in a random arrangement so that the order cannot be linked to the order in which votes were cast, preserving the privacy of individual voters.

Source: SCvotes.org

Recreating Education in Sumter County



Let's make this election the beginning of the process that truly consolidates Sumter School District Two and Sumter School District 17 into Sumter School District where the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts.

A highly polarized system without an apparent community shared focus or vision is proving to be a serious barrier to improving education and Sumter County.

A top priority of the Sumter School Board must be to immediately engage the services of a professional facilitator to involve the Sumter community, all stakeholders, in making a comprehensive assessment of education in Sumter County to produce a comprehensive long-range plan that defines what citizens want education to look like in our county.

This ambitious vision may include school closings, building new schools where there are currently no schools, **but it most definitely must effectively consolidate the two former districts into one stronger more effective and efficient system where a feeling of shared ownership permeates our community.**

Attaining a unified and focused Sumter School District to ensure that 100 percent of our students meet the 21st Century Profile of the South Carolina Graduate so they are ready for the military, the workforce, a community college or university, requires governance and leadership with the corresponding levels of expertise.

A vote for Lloyd Hunter is a vote for this level of demonstrated competence.

ASSOCIATIONS:

- Member, Board of Directors Camps & Retreats South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Member, South Carolina Association of School Administrators
- Member, Phi Delta Kappa (Chapter President)
- Member, McCormick Rotary Club
- Member, Abbeville/McCormick Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors
- Member, St Matthew United Methodist Church, Camden, South Carolina
- The Goodfellows of Sumter
- Master Mason

EXPERIENCE:

- Adjunct Faculty, Howard University, Washington, DC
- Superintendent, Lee County Schools District
- Superintendent, McCormick County School District
- Principal, Eau Claire High School, Columbia, South Carolina
- Principal, Bates Middle School, Sumter, South Carolina
- Assistant Principal, Sumter High School, Sumter, South Carolina
- Assistant Principal, Shaw Heights Elementary School, Shaw AFB, SC
- Graduate of Leadership Sumter
- Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3

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Voters who live in District 3 of Sumter School District, which includes the most southwest portion of Sumter County to include the Lakewood, Furman, Sunset Country Club, Pocalla Springs and Pinewood areas, can choose one candidate. This race is non-partisan.



JOSH COLEMAN

Educational background:
High school

Occupation:

Business manager

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have never held a political office or worked for the government. I have never run for public office before.

Any other personal background you'd like voters

to know about?

I have been married for 13 years to my beautiful wife, Cristin, a public school teacher in the district. Together, we have two extraordinary daughters, Caroline, 12, and Taylor, 9, who are both students in the district. I am an ordained minister and director of the New Fire Young Adult Ministry at Bethesda Church of God.

What qualifies you for this position?

I have managed a successful business for 15 years. In all my dealings, I strive to be a dependable and trustworthy

man of my word. I am also a concerned parent of two public school students and a husband to a public school teacher. Our family is invested in Sumter School District, and it's my desire and passion to see it reach its full potential.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Fiscal accountability, school safety and bringing focus back to the classroom.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

As a local taxpayer, husband of a public school teacher and a father of two young girls who attend public school, I am happy that we no longer have a deficit concerning our district budget, but now a surplus. If given the opportunity, I am committed to helping the school board continue its forward momentum.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I would like for the district to become more focused on the classroom, our students and our teachers. Teachers' needs must

be met so they are able to properly and enthusiastically serve our students, and students' needs must be met so they are able to properly complete their studies in a safe environment. Working together with open lines of communication, we can achieve this goal.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

Yes. Over the past several years, the budget has been a major issue, and the classrooms have been lacking. Therefore, the teachers and kids have failed to be the main focus.



JASON J. JOHNSON

Educational background:

Bachelors in Retail Management, University of South Carolina, 2006

Occupation:

Small-business owner (co-owner of Global Monument Co.)

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have no experience in government. This is the first time that I have run for public office.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I am a native of Pinewood and a 2001 graduate of Lakewood High School. I am also the proud father of two daughters, a sixth-grader at Alice Drive Middle School and a junior at Lakewood High School.

What qualifies you for this position?

I am a product of Sumter public schools and, more importantly, a parent with children who currently attend Sumter public schools. I want my children to receive a world-class education, but I would be remiss if I didn't want the same for every child throughout the

district. I want to work to ensure that every child in Sumter County has access to the resources and support that would serve as the foundation to their future success.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Student achievement is my platform. Sumter School District has the potential to be a standard-bearer for South Carolina. But, teachers need adequate support; curriculums must be challenging but engaging. As a community, we have to increase our involvement in the education of our young people. I am hopeful that as parents, educators and a community, we can work together to encourage excellence, both inside and outside the classrooms.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

The current school board has worked hard to resolve certain issues that caused great concern over the past few years. This year, there are 21 candidates campaigning to be elected onto the Sumter School Board. This is a great endeavor to take on and requires many long days and long nights. While we all may not agree on many of the issues

that the district is faced with, the fact that there are so many of us seeking election indicates that people understand the importance of education and want to be more involved.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I want to help increase the community involvement and build stronger partnerships with other entities that also have a vested interest in the quality of education that our children are receiving. Sumter County has multiple college campuses, a military presence and a strong industrial and technical presence. All these entities depend on Sumter School District to produce students, soldiers and workforce-ready employees. By partnering with these entities, we can better understand their expectations and introduce students to the opportunities for success that can be found right here in Sumter County.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

When I learned that Lucille McQuilla wouldn't be seeking re-election, I immediately became interested in running for the District 3 seat. After careful consideration and speaking with my family and friends, I decided to run.

WHAT ARE OFFICIAL RESULTS?

After the election, a canvass is conducted to review accumulated votes. Results from individual voting units are uploaded into a new election configuration and compared with the election night totals. Only after the six-member Board of Canvassers review and verify these results are they considered official.

HOW IS A RECOUNT HANDLED

There are three ways to conduct a recount on the iVotronic voting system: (1) an automated recount of the central system; (2) an automated recount of the ballot images; or (3) a manual recount of the ballot images. (1) The automated recount of the central system involves creating a recount database in the central computer and then rereading the memory cards from each iVotronic voting unit affected by the recount. (2) The automated recount of the ballot images is done by reading each vote cast on each iVotronic voting unit from the precincts affected by the recount and recording each vote cast on the unit's recount tally sheet. This continues until all voting units affected are recounted. (3) The manual recount of the ballot images is done by printing the ballot images from each of the voting units affected by the recount. Once the ballot images are printed, a team of election officials manually count the printed ballots.

Source: SCvotes.org

ONE OF US

ARCHIE PARNELL understands the challenges working families face every day because he had to face them too.

Growing up in Sumter, the son of an Air Force Master Sergeant, he had to overcome real obstacles and make his own way without deep pockets or powerful friends.

VOTE NOVEMBER 6th

PAID FOR BY ARCHIE PARNELL FOR CONGRESS

SUMTER SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3

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MATTHEW "MAC" MCLEOD

Education background:
Furman High School graduate; Bachelor's from University of South

Carolina

Occupation:

Educator (Thomas Sumter Academy) and small business owner

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I served on the Sumter District 2 Board from November 2006 until consolidation in 2011.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I have lived in Sumter since birth. I am the fourth generation of my family living in District 3. My wife, Jade, and I, and our two children have been through Sumter public schools.

What qualifies you for this position?

My previous time spent on the school board along with my current career in the classroom give me both insight and experience, along with an understanding of how the operations of the school board work.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

Accountability: Everyone from the board and superintendent to the administrators and teachers and

extending through the parents and students must do their job for the system to work.

Learn to earn: For our children to have the financial future they need, as well as for our Sumter community to grow economically, we must instill in our students the value of work and the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in today's worldwide market.

Fiscal responsibility: Taxpayers deserve to know their tax dollars are being spent wisely. I will demand that programs that don't work be terminated and programs that do work be expanded.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

I am happy that our current board has a vision to move our district forward so that all children will have the opportunity to be their best.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

While I am proud of what our schools have done, I believe we can do better with stronger accountability, better fiscal responsibility and giving every child the opportunity to be successful.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I have had many of my former constituents contact me asking me to please run for the school board again. I also bring a level of experience and understanding that no other candidate in District 3 can bring.



EARTHA REED

Educational background:

Th.D. Slidell Baptist Seminary, Slidell, Louisiana (2013); Doctor of Ministry

Studies, Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina (2009-2012); Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education, The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta (Phillips School of Theology), 2000-2002; Theological Studies, McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Atlanta (1999-2000); Associate and Bachelor's in Business Administration, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut, (1988/1997); six certificates in Clinical Pastoral Education, Anderson (AnMed), one unit, Greenville Hospital Systems, four units, Bridgeport Hospital Systems, Bridgeport, Connecticut, one unit; Certificate, Ministries Study, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, 1993; Certificate, Third Leadership Class, Bridgeport Regional Council, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1992

Occupation:

Pastor, former substitute teacher

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

District (New York/Washington) church school superintendent, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; first female officer in the Greater Springfield, Massachusetts, Ministerial Alliance; president, Women Seminarians, ITC, Atlanta; chairperson, Religious Committee, Sumter Branch NAACP

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

2010-present: Associate minister, New Bethel Baptist Church, Sumter; 2007-2018: Sumter School District – substitute teacher. I worked in many schools, from kindergarten to high school, managing the classes and enabling students to remain on target with classwork and learning in the absence of the assigned teacher; 2008-2013: Tuomey Healthcare System - chaplain associate. I provided religious and spiritual care to patients, families, staff and the community in counseling and/or religious and social support in traumatic situations, daily rounds and on calls; 2002-04: AnMed (Anderson) and Greenville Hospital Systems – chaplain intern; 1988-96: owner/CEO: Fairfield Employment Agency Inc.,

Fairfield, Connecticut, providing permanent/temporary employment services, with sales of \$300,000+/year; full-time ministry: 1992-2008: The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME); 1988-92: Minister of Protestant services – local prison and convalescent homes.

What qualifies you for this position?

1) My education and work experiences noted above. 2) Having been a student and graduate from the Sumter School District with honors. 3) My passion for education and for the growth and success of today's students.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

My platform is "Prepared, qualified and well-abled."

Focus positions if elected: student retention and dropout; school pride and positive life characteristics; beyond the 12th grade opportunities; work readiness in its many phases based on a futuristic outlook; financial responsibilities: salary, promotions, students' percentage, overall; new superintendent.

What within the Sumter School Board are you happy with?

No answer provided

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

No answer provided

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

At the end of last school year, I realized my disenchantment to continue class involvement and informed the district of my desire to change. I was asked to keep an eye open to possible openings and apply for any I might desire. While sitting in the district lounge waiting to meet with staff, my eye caught hold of a photo of the current board and my heart felt mildly warm. So, I turned to another person sitting next to me and said I would like to be a board member. He encouraged me now was the time to pursue it. Subsequently, The Sumter Item posted that District 3 was open because the current member wasn't seeking another term. This was my "ah ha" moment and I truly believe it is my destiny for this time. I was reminded how the Lord has always worked in my life: "That when the Lord closed a door, He always opens a window of opportunity." Herewith, I respectfully cast my candidacy.



JOHN SHIPMAN

Education background, including highest degree/certification

obtained:

Bachelor's of Education in History, Bowling Green University, 1981. Masters of International Relations, Troy State University, 1993. Masters Plus 30 hours: various (USC, Clemson and College of Charleston). School Leadership Certification, Western Governor's University, 2013. Also qualified to be a school superintendent, under the state Department of Education Guidelines because I was a former military officer and have a school leadership degree.

Occupation:

Career and technology director/vocational director, Palmetto Unified School District of the state Department of Corrections in Columbia.

Do you have previous experience in government or politics?

I have no previous experience in government or politics beyond being in the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Corrections.

Any other personal background you'd like voters to know about?

I am married to Donna Shipman and have five children and six grandchildren. I am a former U.S. Air Force officer and fighter pilot. Also, a small-business owner (Martial Arts

Training Center).

What qualifies you for this position?

Twenty years as a public school educator, 17 years at Sumter High School as a social studies teacher and department chair (three years); three years as the vocational director for Palmetto Unified School District with the S.C. Department of Corrections.

I am in a unique position because I have seen the full spectrum of public education from honors students down to incarcerated students working on GEDs. This gives me a perspective that most do not have. Additionally, my experience as an U.S. Air Force officer and small-business owner gives me perspective beyond that of a traditional educator.

These unique perspectives give me the edge on decision making because I am not bound by traditional education thinking. This allows me to be forward-thinking.

What is your platform, i.e., what priorities will you focus on if elected?

I will focus on transparency and accountability for all who are responsible for education of our students. Additionally, I will focus on financial accountability and reducing the unnecessary paperwork burden on teachers. I wish to direct all possible resources to the teacher and classroom to enhance instruction and teacher retention.

What within the Sumter

School Board are you happy with?

Movement to more stable financial footing.

What do you want to improve or change in Sumter School District?

I wish to improve the soft skills and career-ready skills of our students. Also, improve teacher pay and retention.

Was there a specific event, situation or reason that prompted you to run?

I feel that many decisions by the board since consolidation have not helped Sumter School District move forward into the future. The board has not worked to rid the district of former district biases.

Money in elections doesn't mean what you think it does

BY SUZANNE ROBBINS

University of Florida

Money is indispensable in American electoral campaigns. Without it, candidates cannot amplify their message to reach voters, and it's harder to motivate people to take interest and vote.

Nevertheless, a May 2018 Pew survey revealed a bipartisan 70 percent of respondents said individual and group spending in elections should be limited.

But does the American public understand the actual role played by campaign spending?

I'm a political scientist who studies American politics. Here are the answers to fundamental questions that voters should ask about the role of money in elections.

HOW MUCH DO ELECTIONS COST?

Running for federal office is expensive. According to the Campaign Finance Institute, the cost of winning a U.S. House seat in 2016 was over \$1.5 million. All told, approximately \$816 million was spent by 723 major party candidates for the U.S. House.

The average amount a House candidate spent in 2016 was \$1.2 million. However, there's a lot of variation depending on what type of candidate you are.

Republicans and incumbents, for example, spent more on average than challengers and those running in

open-seat contests in 2016. In fact, the average challenger spent less than half a million dollars, or about one-fourth the amount an incumbent spent.

Those figures don't include money spent by parties and outside entities to influence the election. Federal law dictates that groups, parties and individuals — including the groups known as super PACs — can make what are called "independent expenditures" for or against a candidate, so long as they do not coordinate with the candidate.

Spending from the major parties and super PACs in House and Senate races more than tripled between 1998 to 2016, growing from \$267 million to \$978.6 million.

CAN MONEY BUY AN ELECTION?

Money is necessary for a candidate to be competitive, but it doesn't ensure success.

A lack of money can eliminate less capable candidates, but having money does not guarantee that a particular candidate's message will resonate with the voters. As Campaign Finance Institute researchers Michael Malbin and Brendan Glavin write, "If voters do not like what they are hearing, telling them more of the same will not change their opinion."

SO HOW DOES MONEY MATTER?

Money can affect which candidates run. Specifically, early money — or

money raised before the primary — matters especially in this regard.

Candidates can prove their viability by raising significant sums before the first advertisements air. Landing some big donors before the first advertisements or primary allows candidates time to build campaign infrastructure. Insiders refer to this as the "invisible primary." Media stories on the invisible primary for the 2020 presidential election are well underway.

Money matters more for challengers than it does for incumbents. Decades of political science research demonstrates that the more a challenger spends, the more likely he or she is to win.

That's because incumbents have many advantages, not the least of which is name recognition and free media. So, challengers must spend more to overcome the obstacles they face, from name recognition to formidable incumbent war chests meant to scare off a challenger. Unfortunately for challengers, those barriers are high enough that they rarely raise enough money to compete.

Yet money does not guarantee a victory. Simply looking at the average amount spent by winners and losers obscures the fact that many races have no real competition.

In 2016, winning incumbents far outspent their challengers, but the winners in open-seat contests spent nearly the same amount as their oppo-

nents, while those incumbents who lost outspent their winning opponents half of the time.

In short, incumbents who spend more than their opponent in contested races are more likely to be the candidates who are vulnerable and lose.

DOES MONEY BUY INFLUENCE?

Money matters in the most competitive races, open-seat races that have no incumbent and those with high-profile candidates. More money will be spent by the candidates in these races but also by those who would like to influence the outcome.

One concern that is often expressed is that winners answer to their donors and those organizations who support them.

Since 2010, the role of outside money, or money from super PACs and political nonprofits, has raised alarms in the media and from reform groups.

Some assert that self-financed candidates or those candidates who can demonstrate widespread support from small donors can allay concerns about the potential influence of donors on candidates and elected officials.

The Center for Responsive Politics notes that outside organizations alone have outspent more than two dozen candidates in the last three electoral cycles and are poised to outspend 27 so far in 2018.

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR

Candidate Rep. Smith visits Sumter

BY BRUCE MILLS
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South Carolina Rep. and Democratic gubernatorial nominee James Smith said he was taught from a young age by his parents to serve the community and leave a place better than when it was found.

It is with that campaign platform, Smith said, that he was running for governor at a stop Oct. 15 in Sumter at a fundraising event at Bryan Law Firm on Calhoun Street.

A longtime member of the state House of Representatives, Smith, D-Columbia, is the challenger in the Nov. 6 election against Republican Gov. Henry McMaster.

At the event, Smith said South Carolina has for far too long ranked at the bottom of the 50 states for important quality-of-life indicators — such as public education and health outcomes — and at the top of the lists for things at which it should be at the bottom.

A decorated combat veteran in the S.C. Army National Guard during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007, Smith said he never doubted the commitment of the men and women who served with him in the war trenches.

He said South Carolina needs that type of commitment now from its leaders and not individuals focused on their own political future.

He noted Democrats and Republicans worked together in the Statehouse on various initiatives to fix the state's roads and bridges and replace school buses and on expungement reform only to have McMaster veto all of them "because he was worried about his future."

"That's just not the way it ought to be," Smith said.

"You got to care more about



Democratic gubernatorial nominee James Smith talks with constituents Oct. 15 at the fundraiser for Sumter and Lee counties.



State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, left, talks with Democratic gubernatorial nominee James Smith on Oct. 15 in Sumter.

doing the job than keeping the job. That's the kind of commitment we need in the governor's office."

Noted by many as a bipartisan leader who can work across the aisle, Smith, 51, said South Carolina must address its challenges in

public education, which include a growing teacher shortage, inadequate funding for rural school districts and preparing youth for the 21st century economy that has an emphasis on highly skilled workers.

"I believe it is Job No. 1 of

a governor to support and ensure every child has access to the highest-quality education," Smith said. "You cannot be the 'Jobs Governor' if you're not first the 'Education Governor.'"

State Rep. Mandy Powers Norrell, D-Lancaster, is Smith's running mate for the state's lieutenant governor post. She also attended the event.

This is the first year since a bill passed that puts the lieutenant governor on the same ticket as governor.

A little more than 100 supporters attended Oct. 15's drop-in in the downtown area, and many said they think the Smith-Norrell ticket has a good chance of winning.

State Rep. David Weeks, D-Sumter, said there is new optimism among state Democrats because the party thinks it has a candidate

WHO IS JAMES SMITH?

- Member of S.C. House of Representatives, 1996-present
- Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) officer, U.S. Army Reserve and S.C. Army National Guard
- Resigned Officer Commission to enlist as an infantryman in early 2000s at the age of 37
- Infantry officer in S.C. Army National Guard deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007 as combat adviser
- Received the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Purple Heart
- Remains member of S.C. Army National Guard at rank of major

who could win in November and govern well for everybody. He said turnout for the Nov. 6 election will be important — as it always is.

"I think James and Mandy bring a refreshing new look to the ticket," Weeks said. "I think the moderate, middle-of-the-road Democrats that can work with people on both sides is what our state needs."

State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, said he has known Smith for a long time and described him as a person who has devoted his life to service, including his military commission and more than two decades in the Statehouse.

"He's one of a handful of people in the minority party in Columbia," McElveen said, "but he can get things done."

S.C. governor candidates clash in their final debate

BY MEG KINNARD
The Associated Press

GREENVILLE — In the closing days before the Nov. 6 general election, the men vying to be South Carolina's next governor have given voters their final chance to see a side-by-side comparison of their stance

on issues including tax cuts, medical marijuana and tariffs proposed by the Trump administration.

Gov. Henry McMaster and his Democratic challenger, state Rep. James Smith, met for their final debate Oct. 25 with less than two weeks to go until Election Day. The debate at Greenville Technical College came a week after they first met on stage in Florence.

Unlike the primary debates, where candidates from their own party portrayed the longtime political figures as insiders who were part of a system that favored cronyism over equality, McMaster and Smith had to avoid accusing the other of being too close to South Carolina's political system. In and around South Carolina's politics for decades, McMaster has served as U.S. Attorney, state attorney general and chaired South Carolina's Republican Party. Smith has served 22 years in the state Legislature and is among the leaders of the House Democratic Caucus.

McMaster is backed by President Donald Trump and was the first statewide elected official to endorse him in 2016. Asked about Trump's tariff policies, McMaster said he has voiced his concerns to the president directly.

"I'm very concerned about it," McMaster said. "That's why we're in constant touch."

McMaster added that he supports Trump's policies generally but has told him, "We do not want to have any tariffs that will hurt the people of South Carolina and our businesses."

Smith has railed against McMaster's plea that South Carolinians

have patience with the administration's overall tariff strategy.

During a contentious, five-way GOP primary, McMaster frequently mentioned Trump, reminding voters of his close ties to a president he said valued South Carolina and would listen to his concerns. On Thursday, he also noted that he would continue to stress to the president the need to finish a multibillion-dollar mixed-oxide fuel facility at the Savannah River Site currently slated to be mothballed under the Trump administration.

"I think when we're able to finally finish this fight, it will be approved, and it will go ahead," McMaster said, again referencing his relationship with the administration.

Smith pointed out Trump's eleventh-hour trip to the state to campaign for McMaster in the primary runoff earlier this year, noting, "It helped you survive the primary, but that friendship has done very little to help South Carolina."

When the candidates met onstage during their first debate, Smith immediately went on the offensive, criticizing what he saw as failures mounting up under McMaster and portraying him as out of touch with South Carolina's needs, such as infrastructural improvements or an expansion of health care choices.

Asked Thursday about medical marijuana, Smith he would do "everything I can in supporting the people of this state in making that resource available."

McMaster deferred to state police, who have advocated against the measure: "When law enforcement is satisfied that it can be controlled, then that is a different story."

McMaster — in office for nearly two years since Nikki Haley's departure to join the Trump administration — continued to stress his recurrent theme that voters are better served by keeping him in office, pointing to jobs created on his watch.

This is the first time candidates for governor and lieutenant governor are running on the same ticket.



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State Rep. Mandy Powers Norrell, D-Lancaster, right, and Republican Upstate businesswoman Pamela Evette give their opening statements during the lieutenant governor's debate at South Carolina ETV studios in Columbia on Monday.

Lieutenant governor hopefuls say they're 'prepared' to lead S.C.

COLUMBIA (AP) — The women seeking to become South Carolina's next lieutenant governor met in their only debate Monday, giving voters a chance to compare the ways in which they envision leading the redesigned office.

A week ahead of the election, Republican businesswoman Pamela Evette and Democratic state Rep. Mandy Powers Norrell clashed on issues including health care and taxes.

If elected, Norrell said her running mate, state Rep. James Smith, would act swiftly to expand Medicaid, a move she said would create 44,000 jobs and insert \$2 billion into the state's economy and only necessitate funding from the state after several years.

"That's like refusing your own federal tax refund, and nobody does that," Norrell said of Republicans' decision not to accept federal expansion funds, repeating a line she's used before on the campaign trail.

Evette countered that it's irresponsible to expand the program without thinking through how to ultimately fund it at the state level, suggesting the implementation of other methods like telemedicine instead.

"It's something that James and

Mandy haven't wanted to say: that they're going to have to raise your tax dollars," Evette said, a point Norrell later refuted by saying her ticket had no plans to raise taxes.

This is the first year in which South Carolina voters select the state's No. 2 officeholder along with their pick for governor on the same ticket, and either Evette or Norrell would become only the second woman in state history elected to the office.

Both gubernatorial hopefuls have laid out their plans for revamping the role, which up until now has held minimal, largely ceremonial, power such as presiding over the state Senate and Office on Aging.

In an interview earlier this year, Gov. Henry McMaster told The Associated Press that, if elected, he'll task Evette, 51, with helping him achieve tax reform and navigating an array of other issues with lawmakers, who hold most of the power in state government.

Smith told AP in May he'd picked Norrell in part for the same reasons, as well as his confidence in her ability to govern, if needed, in his place. The 45-year-old attorney practices law in Lancaster, an area she has represented in the state House since 2013 and where she has also served as municipal attorney.



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