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# With the touch of a finger

## New fingerprint scanning device will help coroner ID bodies faster

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Working for the Sumter County Coroner's Office is no easy task by the job description alone. And the job can be much more difficult if the deceased is without ID or unrecognizable.

Though the coroner's office can't prevent that, staff will be able to identify the deceased more quickly now after receiving authorization to use a new device that can identify a person within minutes by scanning his or her fingerprints.

If you have been fingerprinted for any reason — military, law enforcement, registering for a concealed weapons permit, applying to become a foster parent, or an arrest — your prints will show up in the system, Coroner Robbie Baker said.

The MorphoIDent handheld fingerprint recognition device — about the size of a cellphone — can positively identify a person, living or deceased, after at least two of the person's fingers have been scanned. The accompanying computer software will then display the person's picture, name, date of birth, last known address and other information.

"We got authorized on Thursday and used it on Saturday," Deputy Coroner Brian Rogers said.

Rogers was the first staff member to use the device while investigating a hit-and-run death of a 41-year-old man in Rembert on Feb. 10.

Baker said the man sustained such serious injuries that it was difficult to identify him, and he did not have an

ID on him.

The device, which is also used by law enforcement agencies, will be useful because there are many people not native to Sumter coming through the area, he said, such as personnel stationed at Shaw Air Force Base and people traveling Interstate 95. Baker learned about the device while attending the coroner's academy in January 2017, and he set out to purchase one as soon as he could.

However, because the coroner's office is not a law enforcement agency, Baker and his team did not have the authority to access the identification database without approval from SLED or the FBI.

The coroner's office waited about six months to use the device — valued at about \$1,400 — after purchasing it while SLED and the FBI performed background checks on coroner's office staff and created an identification number for the office to access the



fingerprint information. Baker and his team needed assistance identifying three bodies in 2017.

Not speaking specifically about the Rembert man, Baker said there are some people who use aliases or do not carry ID for various reasons.

"You can change your name all you want, but your fingerprint is your fingerprint," he said.

Without the fingerprint device, the coroner's office must use other methods to identify a body, such as requesting local law enforcement to check fingerprints, using a photo search through the DMV and reaching out to the community through social media.

While those other methods get the job done, they can also be time consuming and possibly detrimental to the death investigation.

If law enforcement is called, Rogers said, they could use ink to get fingerprints, which could get under the deceased's fingernails and distort evidence, especially during cases of self defense.



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The MorphoIDent fingerprint recognition device is the size of a cellphone and can identify people from anywhere in the country.

He said the DMV helped in identifying a man who died of a gunshot wound on Feb. 19. The man had legally changed his name, and the family was not aware of the name change, he said.

Facebook is useful in identifying people or notifying out-of-state relatives, Rogers said, but only after all other measures have been exhausted.

However, Facebook and other social media platforms have also proven to

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## Historic structures to get revived

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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"Good riddance" is what Grady Locklear, chairman of the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee, said after the group approved the demolition of a building that has been an eyesore along East Canal Street for many years.

On Thursday, the committee approved two separate requests to demolish the vacant, two-story brick building next to the Sumter County Administration Building on East Canal Street and construct in its place a three-story building that will provide public access to the county offices housed next door.

Currently, the public has access to the entire administration building where the auditor, treasurer and other county offices are located, according to a staff report provided by Sumter City-County



RENDERING PROVIDED

The vacant, red brick building next to the Sumter County Administration Building, left, will be demolished and a building that will provide public access to county agencies will be constructed in its place. A rendering of the proposed public-access building for Sumter County offices is at right.

Planning Department.

If the proposed building is constructed, the public would be able to access the necessary county agencies, and county employees will have more security inside the administration building, Helen Roodman, city-county senior planner, said.

There is no historical significance to the 1,300-square-foot brick building, nor are there any architectural designs that need to be preserved, according to staff reports.

The exterior of the new building will

tie in design elements of Sumter County Judicial Center, on the other side of Harvin Street, and complement the look of the administration building to create a cohesive public space, she said.

Right now, she said, there are a lot of buildings in the area with no connection to each other.

A crosswalk will also be added between the new building and the judicial center as well as other streetscape elements that will tie the area together, Roodman said.

And while the new building is being

constructed, the county administration building — constructed in the 1970s — will receive some much-needed exterior updates, she said.

Committee member Scott Bell recused himself from the consideration of both matters because he involved in the project.

### VACANT BUILDING TO BECOME STUDIO APARTMENTS

The former Heritage Finance Corp.

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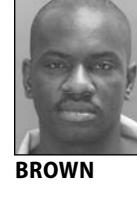
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# Inmate who shot deputy killed in Lee prison

**Was serving 45 years for attempted murder**

**BY KAYLA ROBINS**

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BROWN

An inmate who was serving 45 years for shooting a sheriff's deputy in the face was killed in a Lee County prison during a fight with another inmate on Thursday, state prison officials said.

Robert Odell Brown, 33, was identified as the man who was killed during an "inmate on inmate" altercation at Lee County Correctional Institution in

Bishopville, according to a social media post from the South Carolina Department of Corrections and *The Associated Press*.

Brown had been in prison for attempted murder and other offenses, including breaking into a vehicle and resisting arrest since 2012 for shooting a Spartanburg County deputy in 2011. He was expected to be released in 2048 and was eligible for parole in 2043, according to DOC inmate records.

He had 10 disciplinaries on his inmate record between January 2013 and March 2017 for threatening to in-

flict harm on an employee, disrespect, refusing to obey orders, abuse of privileges and possessing or attempting to possess a cellphone.

Brown earned seven work credits between September 2012 and September 2016, including wardkeeper, food service aide, general worker, wash rack attendant and horticulturist, which he was still doing.

Information about the inmate who killed Brown was not released.

Lee Correctional Institution is a Level 3 maximum security prison for males often convicted of violent crimes that opened in 1993.

In November 2017, a 51-year-old inmate was stabbed to death by an

other inmate.

The prison is at the center of an outcry from national prosecutors, prison directors and others who want the Federal Communications Commission to find a way to prevent cellphones from being used by inmates by jamming their signals, making them useless.

Sumter resident Capt. Robert Johnson was a corrections officer at the prison in Bishopville when an inmate orchestrated his assassination attempt using an illegal phone. Johnson, who was tasked with overseeing efforts to keep cellphones and other contraband out of Lee Correctional Institution, was shot six times in his home.

## Sumter Litter Alliance public meeting Monday

**BY KAYLA ROBINS**

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The Sumter Litter Alliance will hold a public meeting on Monday to discuss the details of the group's organization and its efforts to clean up Sumter County.

The meeting will be held at Swan Lake Visitors Center, 822 W. Liberty St., at 5:30 p.m., where the group will also detail its Community Clean-Up Day that is scheduled for March 24.

"We hope that the community will come out and have a positive discussion with us about the litter issues in our area and how they can be addressed," said Nicole Bailey, vice president of operations for Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. "We know there is a problem. There is no need to spend time revisiting that issue. We want suggestions about how people are willing to help. We're hoping this meeting will build some investment from the community."

Sumter Litter Alliance has been working to rally support for its efforts.

Sumter City Councilman Steve Corley and

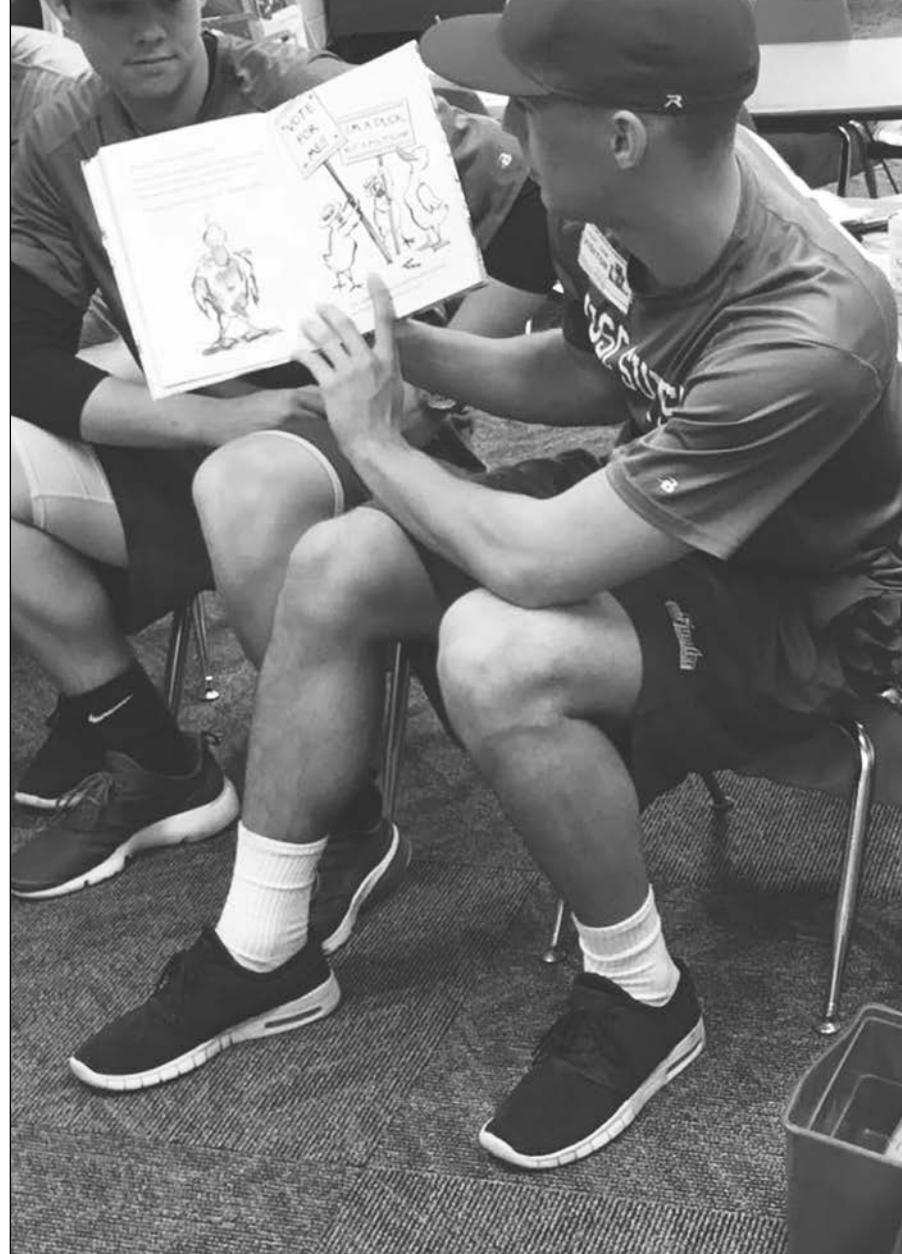
County Councilman Chris Sumpter, both members of the group, have been talking with law enforcement about drafting a stricter litter ordinance for the county. A new ordinance would work in conjunction with a zero-tolerance policy announced by Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis earlier this year.

"Feedback thus far has been overwhelmingly positive," said Scott Burkett, group organizer. "Everyone really wants to do whatever they can to help with this effort."

Other efforts the group is working on include education programs for both students and the community that will be coordinated with Palmetto Pride and a public awareness campaign that will bring the public's attention to the community impact of littering and illegal dumping and to the enforcement of laws and the consequences people will face for breaking them.

Public feedback is still being requested and accepted for the meeting. Comments, concerns and photos can be sent to *SumterLitterAlliance@gmail.com*.

## Fire Ants team up with Eagle's Nest



Willow Drive Elementary School's newest community partner, the USC Sumter Fire Ants baseball team, spent a recent afternoon at the Eagle's Nest to kick-start a reading incentive program with all kindergarten and first-grade classes. Baseball team players read to 225 students in 10 classrooms. They ended the day with a hallway "champion walk" pep rally to cheer on the Fire Ants as they start their season this weekend. All WDE scholars, staff and parents can attend all home games for free at Riley Park.

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## School safety, online reporting system before Sumter School Board

**BY BRUCE MILLS**

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After at least three reported threats or pranks of impending violence in the district's schools in the last week, Sumter School District's Board of Trustees will discuss school safety, among other topics, at Monday's regularly scheduled meeting.

A district staff member distributed the agenda for Monday's board work session last week.

Interim Superintendent Debbie

### WANT TO GO?

**WHAT:** Sumter School Board meeting  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m., Monday  
**WHERE:** District office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road

Hamm will inform the board on the district's school safety threat online reporting system, known as Sprigeo, in her regular report, according to the agenda. The online reporting system is available on each school's website for parents and students to

report any suspicious activity or potential threats.

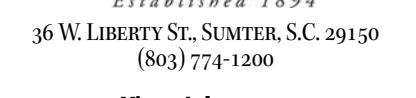
In various public statements in the last 10 days from Hamm and others, district staff has emphasized its first and most important priority is the safety of students and staff, and that all potential threats are taken very seriously.

The threats come since the day a 19-year-old man walked onto the campus he had been expelled from at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14 and opened fire with an AR-15, killing 17. Countless threats have been made by

students at schools across the country since then.

Other highlights from Monday's agenda, include board committee reports and the monthly financial report for January from district Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner.

Monday's board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and be held at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. Like all board-related meetings, the public is invited to attend. Since the meeting is the board's regular monthly work session, however, public participation is not listed on the agenda.



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## More than just pizza and games

Some of Sumter's elementary school students were treated to a morning of pizza and games at Chuck E. Cheese's on Thursday morning as a reward for winning Sumter Police Department's 2018 Black History Month Art and Essay Contest. The morning of fun provided an opportunity for local children to get to know the men and women behind the badge while winning tickets and collecting prizes.

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[TuomeyFoundation.org](http://TuomeyFoundation.org)



## Women and Children

Please call 803-774-BABY (2229) to register for any of the classes listed below. Fees are waived for moms who deliver at Palmetto Health Tuomey. All baby classes are held in the Women and Infants Pavilion classroom.

### Baby Basics

In this class, you will learn all the basics of caring for your newborn before you deliver.

CLASS DATE Thursday, March 15  
CLASS TIME 9:30–11:30 a.m. and 6–8 p.m.  
COST \$15

### Breastfeeding Class

This informal class offers instruction and discussion time for breastfeeding for expectant mothers. Babies and dads are welcome, too.

CLASS DATE Thursday, March 1  
CLASS TIME 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
COST \$15

### Women and Infants Pavilion Tour

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### Car Seat Installation

Learn how to properly install your child's car seat for maximum safety. The Tuomey Foundation, working with Safe Kids Sumter County, makes car seats available for pregnant women who attend this free class and deliver at Palmetto Health Tuomey. Discounted car seats are also available.

CLASS DATE Monday, March 19  
CLASS TIME 6–8 p.m.  
COST Free

### Infant CPR

American Heart Association's Friends & Family course for expectant parents. This class does not offer CPR certification.

CLASS DATE Monday, March 26  
CLASS TIME 6–8 p.m.  
COST Free

### Labor and Delivery

Learn what to expect during the labor and delivery process. The class includes a tour of the Palmetto Health Tuomey Birthplace.

CLASS DATE Thursday, March 8  
CLASS TIME 6–8 p.m.  
COST \$15

### Pumping Class

This free class is offered to mothers returning to work and planning to continue breastfeeding. You will learn about the different kinds of pumps and how and when to pump, as well as storage guidelines. You will also learn how to teach your caregivers to gently bottle-feed your baby while you are away. It is best to wait until your baby is 4 weeks old to come to this class. All nursing babies are welcome to come along.

For March classes, please contact Anna Elmore at 803-774-2229. Free.

### Sibling Class

Designed for children ages 4 to 11 who will soon become brothers and sisters. They are welcome to ask questions about the expected newborn. This valuable time will help them with changes that will take place at home when baby arrives. Class includes a mini tour of our Birthplace/Women's Center and Nurseries. For March classes, please contact Anna Elmore at 803-774-2229. Free.



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LOCATION Hospital Classroom One

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### Breastfeeding Support Group "La Leche League of Sumter"

All breastfeeding mothers are welcome to join us. This class is led by a local mom who is also a La Leche League leader. She will be sharing her experiences in breastfeeding. Group meets on the first Monday of each month. Call 803-774-BABY.

GROUP MEETS Monday, March 5

TIME 10 a.m.

LOCATION Women and Infants Pavilion Classroom

COST Free

### Cancer Support

This support group is sponsored by Women's Imaging and the Education departments at Palmetto Health Tuomey to provide educational and emotional support to individuals and their families dealing with cancer. Call Phyllis Buckner at 803-774-8678, Susan Parnell at 803-774-9047.

GROUP MEETS Monday, March 19

TIME 6–7:30 p.m.

LOCATION Hospital Classroom One

COST Free

## Education

### Joint Camp

Joint Camp is designed for patients who are scheduled to undergo knee or hip replacement surgery. The camp educates patients on their surgery and expectations after surgery. The camp is run by our Care Management, Rehabilitation and Respiratory Therapy departments. For more information, call Lori Horton at 803-774-8661 or Ty Collier at 803-774-9174.

CLASS DATE Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28

CLASS TIME 1 p.m.

COST Free

### Look Good, Feel Better

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# 3 chosen for this year's Women's Honor Roll

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Sumter Item

**T**hursday begins National Women's History Month, observed here by Sumter Volunteers, Inc., which annually honors outstanding citizens to the Women's Honor Roll of Sumter. The organization has named three accomplished women to the 2018 roll and will induct them officially at 3 p.m. Thursday during a ceremony at The Visitors Center at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens.

Sumter Volunteers Executive Director Jo Anne Morris has announced this year's honorees to be the late Margaret Ellen "Maisie" Roper Burns, Carole Ann McCollum Carberry and Yolanda Debra Chambers-Wilson. Their addition will bring to 117 the total number of women on the roll, Morris said.

March also marks the 40th anniversary of Women's History Month, initially started as Women's History Week in the Sonoma County, California, schools for education. It was not until 1981 that

Women's History Week was made an official national observance. The observance grew, and Congress voted in 1987 to make it a monthly observance.

The YWCA of the Upper Lowlands began the local observance of Women's History Month in 1991, and two years later, Sumter Volunteers established the Women's Honor Roll of Sumter County. That first year, 20 women were added to the roll posthumously, and Lady Banksiae roses were planted in their honor. The 117 women on the roll have contributed in many different ways to Sumter's history, culture and general welfare. Since then, a permanent planting of the roses has been established on the east and west sides of the Sumter County Civic Center on West Liberty Street.

A plaque listing all 117 hangs upstairs in the Patriot Hall foyer inside the Sumter County Cultural Center on Haynsworth Street; names can be added only during Women's History Month.

Morris said the public, especially friends and relatives of the honorees, are invited to Thursday's recognition ceremony and reception for the three new inductees. The program begins at 3 p.m. in the Swan Lake Visitors Center.

For more information about the ceremony, the Women's Honor Roll of Sumter or Sumter Volunteers Inc., call Morris at (803) 775-7423.

### **Margaret Ellen 'Maisie' Roper Burns**

Mrs. Burns was born Sept. 12, 1919, in Clio, the second of five children, to Thomas Wesley Roper and

Mary Theodora Ortmann Roper. She received an associate degree from the University of South Carolina and at 19 was overseeing the payroll for the DuPont operations in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1943, she attended the Midshipman's School at Smith College and later the Navy Supply Corps School at Radcliff College. The then-Miss Roper became a U.S. Naval Reserve ensign in the W.A.V.E.S. (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services). She was promoted to lieutenant in 1944.

It was during her years in the Navy that she became known as "Maisie." She was released from active duty in 1946 and received an honorable discharge in 1951.

Maisie met Cornelius Benton Burns, a physician in the Army Medical Corps, while she was stationed in New Orleans.

The couple married there in 1946 and following his honorable discharge moved to Orangeburg to set up Dr. Burns' medical practice. They later moved to Columbia before making their home in Sumter.

Maisie was active in many organizations over the next 50 years. She served as room mother for each of her four children when they were in elementary school, volunteered in the school library and was active in the PTA. She was also active in Brownie, Girl Scout and Cub Scout programs and participated in teaching many underprivileged children to swim.

As a member of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Maisie was a Sunday School teacher, a member of the choir, the Altar Guild, the Epis-

copal Church Women and served on the vestry. She helped to establish the church's chapter of Daughters of the King, as well.

Throughout Dr. Burns' medical career, Maisie served in many positions on the local, state and national levels. She also served as chairwoman of the local March of Dimes. Following her husband's retirement and his later illness, she focused on his total care needs.

In the Sumter Garden Club, Maisie became a Master Flower Show Judge and judged at shows nationwide. Her concern for the environment led her to become involved with Arbor Day activities. She was serving on a national committee when the Woody Owl theme — Give a Hoot! Don't Pollute! — was adopted to engage children in environmental issues.

Maisie belonged to many other organizations, among them the Sumter Junior League, Sumter Little Theatre, Sumter County Historical Association, City of Sumter Parks and Recreation and the S.C. Governor's Council of the Arts and Humanities. In addition, she helped establish the Sumter Gallery of Art, was a charter member of the Sumter Artists Guild and served on the first committee for Historic Camden, Dr. Burns' hometown.

Maisie's other memberships included the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, the University of South Carolina Caroliniana Society, U.S. Naval Supply Corps Association and the Society of Sponsors of the U.S. Navy.

Among her hobbies were painting, gardening, sewing, quilting and genealogy.

In 1994, Gov. Carroll Campbell recognized Maisie for being named S.C. Mother of the Year.

Maisie Burns passed away on May 26, 2001. People who knew her described her as an elegant lady, a devoted wife, a dedicated Christian, a dear friend and a gracious hostess. She was fully dedicated to all her endeavors, known not only as "a Jack of all trades" but a "master" as well, Maisie also possessed a wonderful sense of humor. Having lived a life of service, she is missed by many.

### **Carole Ann McCollum Carberry**

Mrs. Carberry was born in Great Falls, Montana, and studied art throughout her school years and

while an undergraduate at Montana State University and at University of South Carolina in graduate-level printmaking studies.

She moved to South Carolina in 1986 and has been closely involved

with the Sumter Artists Guild, serving four times as president.

A Member of Excellence of the South Carolina Watermedia Society, Mrs. Carberry has had her work juried into the society's traveling show in 2012 and 2013. She is in her 20th year as a show exhibitor in Charleston's Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition in Marion Square. She is also an exhibiting artist at the Sandpiper Art Gallery in Polson, Montana. Mrs. Car-

berry is currently co-chairwoman for two summer art festivals in Polson.

She was inspired to become an artist at an early age by her paternal grandparents. Both very talented in drawing and painting, a gift shared by her, her siblings and cousins. Mrs. Carberry has been drawing since she was old enough to use pencil and paper. As a young Air Force wife, she said she "was in the right place at the right time to take two wonderful courses from artist Gene Franks in California; fine art pencil gave her the tools to take her pencil drawing to a new level, and techniques learned in egg-tempera method dry-watercolor continues to inform her work in watercolor, oil and acrylic.

Another influence is the work of artist Art LeMay, whose simplicity of composition she admires — "beautifully rendered birds anchored firmly on a large negative space."

A multimedia artist, Mrs. Carberry enjoys calligraphy printmaking and painting in mediums. Her favorites are watercolor, which she has been doing for more than 40 years, and most recently, acrylic on canvas.

Currently, she is working on new pieces in preparation for Piccolo Spoleto. Many are long-necked birds painted in acrylic on canvas.

### **Yolanda Debra Chambers-Wilson**

Known to most people as Debra or Debbie, Ms. Wilson is the executive director of the YWCA of the Upper Lowlands Inc. She is committed to the mission of the YWCA — eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. She is an advocate against domestic violence, empowering both men and women who have been

abused to escape and recover from domestic violence.

As a certified Victim Service Provider, Ms. Wilson serves as a support to protect victims from the media during trials and hearings, minimizing invasion of privacy. She also assists children of all ages in recovering from potentially devastating effects of domestic violence, sexual abuse and other typologies.

Ms. Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the Young Women's Christian Association, the League of Women Voters and the Forum.

Born in Sumter County, Ms. Wilson is the daughter of Clara Cureton-Chambers and the late Cleveland Chambers Sr. She is the mother of two daughters, Calaudra Wilson Razor and Clarissa Wilson Williams, and the grandmother of four.

In her personal time, Ms. Wilson enjoys bowling, singing gospel music, cooking and being with family and friends. She attends Emmanuel United Methodist Church and states as her life purpose to be a servant for God and to share the love of Christ to others every day in some capacity.



In 1993, Lady Banksiae roses were planted in honor of the first 20 women added to the Women's Honor Roll of Sumter County. The same type of rose was planted at the Sumter County Civic Center on West Liberty Street in honor of the women on the roll.

## ENGAGEMENTS

## Reynolds-Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Charles Reynolds of Augusta, Georgia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Blythe Elizabeth Reynolds of Columbia, to Zachary Tyler Robertson of Sumter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Frank Robertson Jr. of Sumter.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frederick Hamilton Kuhlke and the late Mr. Kuhlke and Mrs. James Leland Reynolds and the late Mr. Reynolds, all of Augusta. She graduated from Presbyterian College in 2013 and the University of South Carolina Graduate School in 2017. She is employed by Lexington Richland District 5.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wayland Butler and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leland Frank Robertson, all of Sumter. He graduated from Presbyterian College. He is employed by



MR. ROBERTSON, MISS REYNOLDS

Thomas Sumter Academy as the athletic director and a teacher.

The wedding is planned for May 5, 2018, at Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church, Augusta, Georgia.

## CELEBRATIONS POLICY

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

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

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

Photographs must be vertical and of reproduction quality and must be received by the Monday noon deadline.

For additional information, call (803) 774-1264.

Email wedding and engagement forms and photos to [brides@theitem.com](mailto:brides@theitem.com). For additional information, call (803) 774-1264. Email birth and wedding anniversary forms and photos to [sandra@theitem.com](mailto:sandra@theitem.com). For additional information, call (803) 774-1226.

## Munn-White

Mr. and Mrs. James Rhett Munn Jr. of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Taylor Marie Munn of Columbia, to Thomas McConnell White of Sumter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas White of Sumter.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Edwards Davis of Sumter, Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne Davis Sr. of Bishopville, the late Mrs. Mary Lou Munn of Sumter, and Mrs. James Rhett Munn Sr. and the late Mr. Munn of Sumter. She graduated from Wilson Hall in 2010, the University of South Carolina in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and The Citadel Graduate College in 2016 with a Master of Education in Counselor

Education. She is employed as a school counselor by Lexington County School District One at Pelion Middle School.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rutledge Holmes of Columbia and Mrs. James Maurice White and the late Mr. White of Sumter. He graduated from Wilson Hall in 2009 and the University of South Carolina in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He is employed as a sales representative with Nu-Idea in Sumter.

The wedding is planned for June 9, 2018, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter.

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The couple is registered at Belk, [www.belk.com](http://www.belk.com);



MISS MUNN

One Accord, Sumter Lighting and Home, and Naomi & Warner, all in Sumter; and West Elm.

## Culclasure-Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. William Todd Culclasure of Manning announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Betts Culclasure of Manning, to William Heathley Wilson IV of Mayesville, son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William Heathley Wilson III of Mayesville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Gerald Sage Bradshaw of Okatie and the late Mr. Bradshaw of Manning, Mrs. Thomas Percy Culclasure of St. Matthews, the late Mr. James Morell Bennett III of Rock Hill and the late Mr. Thomas Percy Culclasure

of St. Matthews. She graduated from Newberry College in 2013 and is a nursing student at Central Carolina Technical College.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Heathley Wilson Jr. of Mayesville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alton Owen Smith of Sumter. He graduated from Clemson University in 2013. He is employed by AgSouth Farm Credit of Orangeburg.

The wedding is planned for May 12, 2018, at Mayesville Presbyterian Church, Mayesville.



MR. WILSON, MISS CULCLASURE

## Social media creeps into weddings, stress remains

**WASHINGTON (AP) — #Weddingstressmuch?**

Social media is creeping into U.S. nuptials, but Americans don't necessarily see that as a good thing.

A recent Associated Press-WE tv poll says 57 percent of them see social media as having increased the stress involved in planning a wedding, while just 12 percent think the opposite. The poll was conducted by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

There is no doubt that American weddings and social media are a solid union. Getting perfect pictures was already a stress point for wedding couples, with 55 percent of those who have been married saying they were at least moderately concerned about getting perfect pictures.

But social media is creeping into the process in other ways, too. Twenty-two percent of Americans have been to a wedding with its own hashtag. And more than a quarter — 27 percent — who have attended a wedding have been invited at least once with an online invitation rather than a more traditional package of information.

There's an age split, too: Four out of 10 Americans under age 39 have been invited to a wedding with an online invitation. Only 17 percent of those age 60 and over have been invited that way. And where weddings with their own hashtag are concerned, a third of the youngest adults have been to one. But just 10 percent of their older counterparts have.

As the average expense of weddings continues to rise in the U.S., it's no surprise, perhaps, that the betrothed are opting for budget-trimming, real-time options in planning and celebration. Printed invitations, for example, can cost hundreds of dollars when stamps and calligraphy are factored in, not to mention paper.

"You help the Earth when you choose digital invitations and cards," says one vendor of online correspondence, *Punchbowl.com*.

There are weddings with drones taking footage. And weddings in which hosts find it necessary to formally ask guests to refrain from posting the festivities to social media to keep the party "just between us."

But for all of the innovation, 38 percent still call weddings "stressful." And three-quarters think Americans in general spend too much money on weddings.

Not only that, but four in 10 Americans are very concerned and another three in 10 are at least somewhat concerned about couples putting too much focus on planning the wedding day over the marriage itself.

"They're very expensive, and then six months later, they get divorced," said Soraida Cisneros, 80, of Fresno, California.

"When I hear how much it costs to get married, when I look back, I think the wedding's so not important compared to the rest of your life," said Pam Rieth of Mansfield, Massachusetts.

When it comes to their own weddings, 40 percent of Americans said they were very or extremely concerned about costs when they got hitched, another 28 percent said they were moderately concerned and about a third said they had little to no concern.

When it's about spending cash on other people's weddings, 41 percent of Americans think guests are being asked to spend too much. Thinking about the last wedding they attended, 85 percent say they gave a wedding gift. Of those, 45 percent said they also gave a shower gift and 14 percent said they gave an engagement present.

Women are more likely than men to

think that couples expect too much money from their wedding guests, 45 percent to 36 percent.

Americans are nearly evenly split on who should foot the cost for dressing their bridesmaids and grooms-men, with half saying the bill should fall on the attendants themselves.

For those who have planned a wedding themselves, other stressors include being concerned about guest behavior, with 32 percent at least moderately concerned about the issue. Three in 10 people said they were concerned about the impact of stress on their relationship. About 20 percent said they were concerned about being too demanding and about 8 percent were concerned about being stood up at the altar.

As for size — it matters. Most Americans say they, themselves, would prefer a small wedding, but they're less likely to prefer to attend small weddings when they're guests. Overall, 66 percent say they'd prefer a small wedding if they were planning on getting married this year. By contrast, just 37 percent say they'd prefer to attend a small wedding as a guest, with the largest group saying they'd prefer attending a moderately sized one.

Overall, Americans still have mostly positive thoughts about weddings. Seventy percent describe them as "heartwarming" and two-thirds describe them as "fun." Women are more likely than men to describe weddings in those terms by about 10 percentage points.

And despite the bad rap that bridesmaids' dresses sometimes get, Americans are far more likely to say they're generally stylish than ugly, 61 percent to 8 percent.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online and by phone.

## Americans on weddings

According to a recent poll by AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, Americans shared the following about weddings:

**57 percent**

see social media as having increased the stress involved in planning a wedding

**22 percent**

have been to a wedding with its own hashtag

**55 percent**

who have been married say they were at least moderately concerned about getting perfect photos

**4 out of 10**

under age of 39 have been invited to a wedding with an online invitation

**41 percent**

think guests are being asked to spend too much

**32 percent**

are concerned about guest behavior

**66 percent**

prefer a small wedding for themselves

**37 percent**

prefer to attend a small wedding

**4 in 10**

are very concerned about couples putting too much focus on planning the wedding over the marriage itself

**40 percent**

were very or extremely concerned about costs when they got hitched

**61 percent**

think bridesmaids' dresses are generally stylish

*Poll results online: AP-NORC Center: <http://www.apnorc.org>*

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## Sumter School District

### GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS CONTINUE

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce held the Golden Apple Awards program at Alice Drive Middle School. Nominated by their teachers, guidance counselors or administrators, 12 students were recognized for displaying exceptional citizenship and character. Each student received a certificate and a proclamation signed by Mayor Joseph T. McElveen and County Council Chairman James T. McCain Jr.

Congratulations to the following students: Jeshua Espiritu, Alana Garrick, Za'Nyla Robinson, Alexander Black, Torrie Chapman, Emily Bowman, James Newman, Darion Anderson, Marquise Moses, Ceymenon Hilton, Abegale Bauer and Kelsey Dunn.

The Golden Apple Awards program, which is held at each high school and middle school in Sumter School District, is presented by Caterpillar Inc. Gold sponsors are Kaydon Corp., Nu-Idea School Supply and the University of South Carolina Sumter.

### SUMTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS BLACK HISTORY CONTEST

Heroism, admiration and respect were themes that resonated throughout the sixth-annual Black History Month contest. Sponsored by the Sumter Police Department, interested students in grades K through second grade submitted artwork on a famous black American whom they view as a hero or admire, and students in grades 3-5 submitted essays on famous black Americans they would like to grow up to be like or view as heroes.

Forty-five students from the elementary schools that Sumter Police Department serves were selected as winners and treated to an awards luncheon at Chuck E. Cheese. Chief of Police Russell F. Roark III, Deputy Chief Alvin Holston and members of the Community Services Unit presented certificates and played games with the children.

"The students' artwork and essays shine a light on the remarkable contributions of African-Americans who inspired them in so many ways," said Roark. "This annual collaboration with our elementary schools is a highlight for the Sumter Police Department as we celebrate Black History Month in our community."

### FEBRUARY STAR TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Debbie Healey, a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Wilder Elementary School, was named the February Star Teacher of the Month. The Star Teacher program is sponsored by Community Broadcasters and Staples. Healey was a guest on the Good Morning Sumter Show on WDXY AM 1240 and FM 105.9 with host Derek Burress. In addition to appearing on the show, she received a gift bag from Staples.

A 17-year teaching veteran, Healey serves as the fifth-grade leader, a faculty adviser for the Glitter Girlz group, school level chairwoman for Relay for Life, as well as the school level coordinator for the fifth-grade trip to Washington, D.C. This year she received a grant for Relfex Math, which is an online program that helps students with math fluency. She has also had a total of five projects funded through Donor's Choose this school year that have gone a long way toward advancing teaching and learning in her classroom.

Healey was nominated by not one but two students. According to her nominations she helps her students understand math, she makes them smile, she works hard, and she has a heart of gold. They noted that if there were an award for the best teacher ever, Healey would win.

### DAR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS NAMED

Taelyn Savitski, a fifth-grade student at Millwood Elementary School, and Mason Scott Reese, a seventh-grade student from Furman Middle School, were named winners of Sumter's Home Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay contest. The theme for this year's essay contest was "World War I: Remembering the War to End All Wars." Both students received a certificate, medal and cash prize for their achievement.

### ALICE DRIVE MIDDLE STORMS THE CITADEL

The Alice Drive Middle School Engineering Club, under the leadership of Brian Gerard, competed in the Storm The Citadel trebuchet competition. In the first heat, Alice Drive Middle scored higher than middle school, high school, college and corporate teams. They were named Middle School Champions and moved on to compete for the overall award and ended the day in second place.

Congratulations to Gerard and his club members: Hannah Britton, Mia Bagwell, Jenny Li, Nicholas Alexander, Dominic Orellana, Tyler Ingram, Sudie Grace Cromer, James Krivejko, Alana Garrick, Breanna Sherwood, Anna Collins and Joseph Keller Thomas.

### BOARD SET TO MEET ON MONDAY

The Sumter School District Board of Trustees will have its monthly work-

shop meeting Monday at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. There is no public participation scheduled for workshop meetings. The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for March 12. — *Shelly Galloway*

## Thomas Sumter Academy

### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

This month is Black History Month. At Thomas Sumter Academy we celebrate diversity. This month we have had two great opportunities to share this diversity with our students. We had an upper school assembly with our guest speaker, Rashan Carraway.

Carraway is a Winthrop graduate and joined us at the bequest of three of our students who initiated and coordinated this event — it was student initiated, student led and student coordinated. Carraway spoke about black history and how it intertwined with all of American history.

Our next guest speaker spoke with our elementary classes — TSA's very own Coach Russell "Crazy Legs" Patterson. Coach has been a member of the TSA staff for a number of years. He has coached football and baseball and has been a loyal supporter of TSA and our athletic program. Coach took time to talk about his days in the All Negro Baseball League and what that meant during those years in our history.

If you would like to visit our campus and speak with our students and parents, call to schedule a tour at (803) 499-3378. — *Dr. F.L. Martin III*

## USC Upstate of the Sumter Campus

### TEACH SPONSORING CONCERT

USC Upstate on the Sumter Campus club for future educators, Teachers Educating All Children (TEACH), is sponsoring a concert for early childhood students on Monday, March 19. The concert features author, singer, songwriter and entertainer Debbie Clements.

Clements' engaging show features three books she has authored which are centered on a patriotic theme, animal theme and character education. Her show titled "Rainbows Within Reach" provides educational entertainment with an interactive show. Visit her website at [rainbowswithinreach.com](http://rainbowswithinreach.com). Her books will be available for purchase and each book includes a CD. Attendance at the concert requires a \$5 donation per child. Two show times are available at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

For more information, email or call Gail Corning at [corningg@uscsunter.edu](mailto:corningg@uscsunter.edu) or call (803) 938-3702. Reservations for seating are required. — *Betty Harrington*

## Morris College

### MID-SEMESTER EXAMS

Morris College will conduct Mid-Semester Examinations Monday through Thursday.

### SPRING BREAK

Spring break will begin at the conclusion of 5 p.m. classes on Friday. Classes will resume at 8 a.m. on March 12.

### MORRIS PASSES COMPLIANCE EVALUATION

Morris College's compliance regarding 17 standards of the Principles of Accreditation was recently reviewed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Morris College's submission of the Fifth-Year Interim was accepted and approved without the need for revision or any supplemental information.

The Fifth-Year Interim Report included information regarding the Morris College Quality Enhancement Plan program on which Morris College was also evaluated by way of the QEP Impact Report.

The mission for the Morris College QEP program focuses on "Promoting Advanced Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Development for Juniors."

The institutional goals for the project were that by the end of the junior year, the program participants would have strengthened their vocabulary development skills by mastering a 500 Advanced Vocabulary Word List and improved their advanced reading comprehension skills as measured by The Nelson Denny Reading Test. The Nelson Denny Reading Test is a reading survey test for high school and college students and adults. A two-part test, the Nelson-Denny measures vocabulary

development, comprehension and reading rate.

The objectives of the Quality Enhancement Plan were that 80 percent of students who complete the project would demonstrate 80 percent mastery of the 500 Advanced Vocabulary Word List to assist in improving reading comprehension skills, and 50 percent of students who complete the project will achieve an increase of one or more grade levels in reading comprehension as revealed by The Nelson Denny Reading Test.

As a result of the QEP program, 78.3 percent of participants achieved the prescribed level of mastery in advanced vocabulary after taking the Junior Seminar course in which the program was applied. This result indicated that the intensive, systematic, directed instruction provided through the QEP project was instrumental in the improvement of the participants' ability to use word knowledge to enhance their reading comprehension. Testing showed that the average grade level increase was that of three grade levels.

Additionally, an average of 44 percent of students improved reading comprehension by one grade level or more under the Advanced Reading Comprehension component of the QEP Project, with program participants in summer 2013, 2015 and 2016 meeting or exceeding the 50 percent objective. By identifying the specific skills through analysis of the test data, the QEP program was able to provide individualized instruction for program participants.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges determined via the QEP Impact Report that the program had a significant impact on student learning and expressed its appreciation of Morris College's support of SACSCOC's activities. — *Anika Cobb*

## Central Carolina Technical College

### APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ACCEPTED

CCTC Foundation is accepting applications for Dollars for Scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. Deadline to apply is March 15.

Consider applying if you are enrolling in at least six credit hours per semester and if you are achieving at least a 2.0 grade-point average for each semester. Apply online at: <http://www.cctech.edu/about/cctc-foundation/foundation-scholarships/>.

### WELDING SKILLS COMPETITION

Central Carolina Technical College is hosting this year's annual Welding Skills Competition on April 19 and 20 on Main Campus in Sumter. Ten S.C. technical colleges will compete in six welding categories.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities for this event, contact Welding Program Manager Axel Reis at (803) 778-7863 or [reisah@cctech.edu](mailto:reisah@cctech.edu).

### VETERANS FORUM

Central Carolina Technical College's Veteran Resource Center, Student Veteran Association and History Department will present a "Veteran Forum: Honoring Our Local Heroes" from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, on the Main Campus in Building 400, Room M401.

The event will feature a panel of several local veterans who will share their experiences and insight on how their military service impacted their education.

Veterans of WWII, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom will be on hand. This is a great opportunity for the community to interact one-on-one with these local heroes. This event is open to the public. — *Catherine M. Wood*

## Wilson Hall

### DANCE MARATHON RAISES MORE THAN \$11,000

Wilson Hall raised \$11,366 for the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital by hosting its second-annual mini-dance marathon. In partnership with the University of South Carolina Dance Marathon, which raises over half a million dollars every year through the Miracle Network, the money raised will go to support bettering the lives of children at the hospital.

Held in the Nash Student Center on Feb. 10, the event featured music, games, activities and food for students of all ages. In addition to raising money through admission to the event, the committee raised money through a Pie-a-Teacher event, a doughnut-eating contest, bake sales, T-shirt and bracelet sales, and the solicitation of donations through the Miracle Network's website.

The student-led event was organized by the following members of the executive committee: Steph Areford (chairwoman), Kirsten Fisher, Hailey Ford, Breland Land, Ingrid Singleton and Amelia Weston. Liz Affronti served as the faculty adviser for the committee.

### TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The following faculty members were selected by their peers as the Wilson

Hall Teachers of the Year: lower school — Mollie McMillan, a kindergarten teacher; middle school — Tracy Sims, an English teacher; and upper school — Sheri Singleton, a science teacher. — *Sean Hoskins*

## University of South Carolina Sumter



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Art by Jackie Wukela is on exhibit in the University Gallery in the Anderson Library.

### GALLERIES FULL OF NEW EXHIBITS

The University of South Carolina Sumter art galleries are buzzing with new exhibits for the spring. In the Upstairs Gallery, artist DJ Hatcher presents Our World in Acrylics through March 30. The Upstairs Gallery is on the second floor of the Williams-Brice-Edwards Administration Building and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Linda English's Through the Eyes of a Child will be on view through March 30 in the Umpteenth Gallery. The Umpteenth Gallery is in the Arts & Letters Building and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Finally, Jackie Wukela's exhibit People and Places will be available through March 30 in the University Gallery in the Anderson Library on the first floor. The exhibit is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Friday, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — *Misty Hatfield*

## CAMPUS CORNER

### University of South Carolina Aiken

AIKEN — The University of South Carolina Aiken congratulates the following local students who made the President's List for fall 2017: Tiffany Mullen and Erica Spigner, both of Sumter.

To earn this distinction, students must be enrolled full time and maintain a grade-point average of at least 4.0.

The University of South Carolina Aiken congratulates the following local students who made the Dean's List for fall 2017. To earn this distinction, students must be enrolled full time and maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5.

- Bishopville — E'Va Benjamin; and
- Sumter — James Fender, Madison Floyd, Ian Martin, Ryan Missildine and Kaitlyn Pinkney; and

- Rembert — Darius Smith.

### USC Upstate

SPARTANBURG — The University of South Carolina Upstate recognized 358 graduates during fall convocation exercises held Dec. 19, 2017, at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium.

- Sumter — Elizabeth Atkinson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Kayla DuRant, Bachelor of Arts Education; Julanda Jackson, Bachelor of Arts Education; Rebekah McLendon, Bachelor of Arts Education; and Fredresia Rose, Bachelor of Science;
- Manning — Jamie Dowell, Bachelor of Arts Education; and Natalie Dyson, Bachelor of Arts in Education; and

- Dalzell — Dylan Ross, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's List, students must earn a 4.0 and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours. The following local students were named to fall 2017 Chancellor's List:

- Sumter — Noah Bittinger, Scot Bozio, Erin Bradford, Bethany Jones, Alyssa Lennard, Katlyn Loschke, Melinda Menser, Heather Merritt, Augusta Payer, Shelby Reynolds and NeTaysia Zeigler;

- Dalzell — Ashlee Holloman and Dylan Ross;

- Pinewood — Da'Masha Ragin; and

- New Zion — Hannah Yarborough

### Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY — More than 30 Coastal Carolina University students will be performing in the Wind Ensemble concert "Reflections" on March 1, directed by T. Andre Feagin, CCU director of bands. Local performing students are: Conrad Kenner and Clinton Patton, both music majors from Sumter.

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# Dying man was 20, she was 22; they were married for 2 days

**BY ANDREW DYS**  
The Herald of Rock Hill

FORT MILL — Twenty-year-old Alex W. Guerrero knew last week he was dying. The bone cancer he had fought since 2015 was terminal.

His fiancee, Morgan Gaile Krohn, 22, and a childhood cancer survivor herself, said she knew it too.

"Alex was my soul mate, the one, from as soon as I met him last year," Krohn said. "I knew. He knew. We knew. From the first week we did everything together."

The couple met in July at Camp Happy Days, a camp near Charleston for young people with cancer. He was a volunteer. So was Krohn.

They became engaged Jan. 28 in a surprise party Guerrero threw with more than 100 people in attendance. He already had lost his lower right leg to cancer. The cancer returned in 2018.

"Alex got down on his one knee. He lost the other one to cancer, and asked me to marry him," Krohn said. "I said 'yes' right away."

Still, the plan was to wait a bit.

But by Feb. 12, the end was near.

"Alex turned to me and said, 'Let's just get married tomorrow,'" Krohn said. I said 'Let's do it.'"

So they did.

On Feb. 13, in Alex's parents' living room in Fort Mill with so many people

crowded in the room that the floor seemed to shake, the couple wed.

People clapped and cried and hugged. The groom kissed his bride.

On the morning of Feb. 16, a few minutes after 8 in the morning, Alex W. Guerrero died. His funeral was Feb. 20 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill.

His courage to live right to the end, his devotion to his wife, never wavered.

Alex did waveboarding behind a boat, with one leg because his other had been amputated. He got tattoos to show he was young and hip and strong. The last one was just weeks ago — for

his fiancee.

He rode motorcycles and drove his jeep off-road in the mud.

Before his illness, he played soccer at Nation Ford High School. On one natural leg and one prosthetic leg, he attended the College of Charleston. At the school, he was a student ambassador.

At the cancer camp for children Guerrero mentored other young people, including a boy who went through an amputation.

He put much of his life with cancer on social media. Hundreds of people followed his illness, treatment and adventures.

"Alex wanted to share, to

inspire," said his mother, Pati Guerrero. "He was not afraid."

Luis Guerrero, Alex's father, said Alex had strong faith in God.

"He wanted to give back, and he did," Luis Guerrero said. "He was strong. My son was a warrior in his heart."

Alex's illness went on for three years. After the initial diagnosis of bone cancer in his right knee, he had a knee replacement and then the amputation. He went through many rounds of chemotherapy. Good news from treatment did not last.

The cancer would not yield.

Krohn said some people

wondered why she would get married when there was likely little time to be a wife. She said there was no doubt she was doing what was right.

"I told Alex numerous times, 'I am not going anywhere, and we are a couple.'

Krohn said getting married was worth it, and wonderful.

"It was beautiful," she said of her wedding.

Guerrero's parents supported their son's decision to get married. They said their son wanted to be a nurse. And he always wanted to have a family.

He got a wife, for two-and-a-half wonderful days.

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## COMMENTARY

# Tax reform used to be unpopular. Not anymore.

**WASHINGTON —** When the Republican-controlled Congress first approved its tax bill in December, most Democrats believed it would be a political loser for the GOP. Indeed, a *New York Times* poll found that just 37 percent of Americans approved of the plan. "To pass a bill of tax cuts and have it be so unpopular with the American people is an amazing achievement for the Republicans — it's never been done before,"

Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., crowed.

He's not crowing anymore. In January, support had risen to 46 percent, and this week it reached a 51 percent majority. Meanwhile, disapproval has dropped from 57 percent in December to 45 percent today. That is a swing of 26 points.

Why the change? Because taxes are personal. The tax bill is extremely complicated, and when it was passed, many Americans were confused about how it would affect them. A December poll found that only 17 percent believed they would pay less in taxes, while 32 percent thought they would pay more. In fact, about 80 percent of taxpayers will receive a tax cut this year averaging about \$2,100, according to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center. For the middle class, an even larger share benefit: More than 90 percent of taxpayers in the middle income quintile will receive a tax cut.

It is taking time for voters to figure this out. In 2001, when President George W. Bush passed his across-the-board tax cuts, his message was simple: Every American who pays taxes will get a tax cut. But in 2017, Republicans overhauled more of the entire tax code. They cut tax rates and doubled the standard deduction but also eliminated many traditional deductions for those who itemize. As a result, a lot of taxpayers didn't know whether they would end up winners or losers.

Now, more Americans are starting to discover that they are winners. Millions are starting to receive their Trump tax cuts as employers lower their tax withholdings, leaving more money in their paychecks. And the bill will become more popular as more people learn the good news. Even now, only one-third of Americans think they will see an income tax

cut. Many voters are going to be pleasantly surprised when they discover their taxes are being reduced thanks to President Trump and Republican lawmakers. And that does not take into account the bonuses and raises that many Americans are receiving from their employers because of the corporate tax cuts — or the wage increases they will get from the economic growth that tax reform unleashes in the months and years ahead.

When House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., dismissed these tax savings as "crumbs," she came off as an elitist. A couple of thousand dollars a year may be crumbs to a San Francisco multimillionaire, but to most hard-working Americans that is real money. Indeed, Pelosi is getting slammed by her fellow Democrats for her out-of-touch response. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II, D-Mo., warned that "language is important" and "we cannot be seen as patricians," while Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y., a member of the House Democratic leadership, said, "I think for people making \$40,000 a year, any increase in their take-home is significant for them."

Democrats are in a bind because they voted against that increase in take-home pay. The growing public support for tax reform is especially a problem for the five vulnerable Senate Democrats running for reelection in states that Trump won by double digits. All of them will have a hard time explaining why they sided with the "resistance" and opposed giving their constituents a tax cut.

The success is already bolstering GOP candidates. In North Dakota, a state Trump won by 36 points, the success of the tax bill has drawn Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp a strong challenger in Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer. Just last month, Cramer had announced that he was not going to run. Why did he change his mind? The Post reports that one reason was Cramer's belief that Heitkamp's vote against the tax bill was "fatal" for her.

Expect to see a lot of other GOP challengers — and purple-state voters — come to the same conclusion.

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## COMMENTARY

# We're all rooting for laundry

I reluctantly have come to believe that most Americans — whether they're members of the chattering class in the media or your next-door neighbor — have lost the ability, and sometimes even the desire, to persuade anyone to change his or her mind on just about any important issue.

Too many of us have put a "Do Not Disturb" sign around our necks and don't want to be exposed to any ideas that we don't already hold.

If you think the AR-15 is a weapon that should remain legal, there's nothing anyone on the other side can say that will convince you to change your mind. If you think late-term abortion should be legal, no one on the other side is going to convince you otherwise.

Having strong beliefs and hanging on to your principles is a good thing. But as a friend puts it, it's not beliefs we're hanging on to, it's identity that we cling to; what matters most now is what team we play for.

Take cable TV. We don't watch opinion shows to consider what the other side is saying. We watch to get our own biases validated. If we're on the red team we want conservative opinion. And if we're on the blue team we look for liberal echo chambers that will confirm our progressive ideas.

No one is watching the other side to learn something they hadn't already thought of.

And then there are those online videos where an interviewer asks college kids what they think of something President Trump supposedly said. Almost all of them, of course, hate it. But then they're told it wasn't really Donald Trump who made the statement — it was President Obama. Suddenly they don't hate the very same observation anymore. Now that they know it was their team

captain who said it, they embrace the remark — usually without even a hint of embarrassment.

And remember when in 2012 at that presidential debate Mitt Romney said that Russia was America's "number one political foe" and President Obama got snarky and said, "The 1980s are now calling to ask for their foreign policy back because the Cold War's been over for 20 years."

When liberals weren't cheering for Mr. Obama they were laughing at Mr. Romney. Now, it's progressives who think Russia is a dangerous threat to our democracy, and it's our Republican president who downplays Russia's interference in our presidential election. Here's a man who knows how to be angry but hasn't shown any public anger toward the Russians.

Who cares? Not the liberals who were on Mr. Obama's team and not the conservatives who are on Mr. Trump's.

At least people of deep faith have principles, right? You tell me. Evangelicals would never support a liberal presidential candidate who bragged about grabbing women in a sexual way. But millions of them were more than willing to look the other way when it was someone on their team who made the crude remark.

Liberals are suddenly concerned about the national debt. But when the debt doubled in eight years under President Obama they yawned.

Trump supporters couldn't stop talking about the debt when Mr. Obama was president.

Now that their team is loading up on debt, it's Trump acolytes who are yawning.

You can try to run away from this unprincipled nonsense, but there aren't a lot of safe havens anymore.

Once upon a time we could escape into the world of entertainment. But try watching one of those awards shows coming out of Hollywood. The glitterati talk a good game about diversity, but it's not diversity of opinion they want. Their minds

are made up, and nothing anyone on the other team can say or do will make one bit of difference.

As for Mr. Trump's most passionate supporters: They didn't flinch when their hero, rocker and gun enthusiast Ted Nugent, told Barack Obama to "suck on my machine gun" or when he said Mr. Obama and Hillary Clinton "should be tried for treason and hung."

But when Kathy Griffin showed off a mask depicting a bloody and severed head of Donald Trump, the same hard right that cheered Ted Nugent demanded that Kathy Griffin be banished from civilized society.

Sports used to be another place where a lot of us went to escape the daily barrage of partisan politics. It's one thing for athletes to use their platforms to fight for worthy causes like civil rights. That's a good thing. But saying President Trump "doesn't give a f\*\*\* about the people" and calling him a "bum," as LeBron James did, crosses a line for me. So we get Fox host Laura Ingraham, who wrote a book called "Shut up and Sing," telling LeBron to "shut up and dribble" and then being attacked as a racist. And while we're here, just imagine if a white conservative athlete called Barack Obama a bum and said he didn't give a f\*\*\* about the people. Our outrage depends on what team we're rooting for.

Sports fans cheer for the star player who wears their team's uniform until he decides to put on another uniform and play for a rival that's offering him more money. Then they boo the very same guy. As Jerry Seinfeld said, fans are just cheering for clothes; they're rooting for laundry.

That's what a lot of us are doing — rooting for laundry. So tell me how this is good.

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## Laurence Manning students inducted into Beta Club



Jackson Lee receives his certificate for his induction into Beta Club from Dr. Spencer.

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#### Heart attack leads to change of heart

SUMMERTVILLE — Despite a petition, protest march and neighbor-erected fences, a South Carolina woman had vowed she would die before she would stop flying a Confederate flag in her predominantly black community. But a recent heart attack has yielded a change of heart.

*The Post and Courier* reports that after seven years of clashing with neighbors, Annie Cadell replaced the battle flag with a state flag Wednesday. She said the heart attack and subsequent triple bypass surgery led her to reflect on past choices.



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# Police experts urge intensive training if teachers are armed

BY LISA MARIE PANE

The Associated Press

The idea of arming teachers to take out a shooter is alarming some law enforcement experts, who say it takes more than just being a good shot at a gun range.

They say it would require specialized and repeated training to teach educators the proper tactics and enable them to conquer their fear and remain calm and clear-thinking in a fast-moving, life-or-death situation.

"Simply putting a gun on the premises and hoping someone's going to do the right thing with it is baseless," said Chris Grollnek, a former law enforcement officer who specializes in security issues, especially active-shooter situations. "All you're doing is signing people up for PTSD."

The idea of arming teachers isn't new. Some schools across the country already allow educators to bring guns onto school grounds.

But the notion is gaining momentum after the shooting rampage at a high school in Parkland, Florida, last week that left 17 students and adults dead. It turned out the only armed officer on duty at the school stayed outside rather than go in to confront the gunman.

President Donald Trump suggested even paying bonuses to teachers willing to be trained to carry firearms at schools.

Still, law enforcement experts note that police are trained for months in the academy and then are put through drills during their careers on such things as making split-second decisions in a crisis and dealing with the mentally ill.

Experts who have spent careers on SWAT teams or other specialized units say it isn't something that comes naturally. It can take not just training, but also real-life experience in pressure-cooker situations before the instruction takes hold and they're able to respond effectively.

"What an individual officer or a team of officers will do in an active-shooter incident calls on every aspect of their overall training and policing. And that's one of the reasons why you'd be hard-pressed to find someone in policing who thinks it's a good idea to arm teachers," said Rick Myers, executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

"Teachers' training and expertise has nothing to do with police tactics — shoot-don't-shoot decision making, the psychological trauma that accompanies violence, all the things that are built into what police officers deal with on a daily basis."

Across the country, in places like Ohio and Texas, some schools post warnings that staffers are armed, while others keep potential attackers guessing.

Chris Cerino, a former law enforcement officer, now offers training to educators through his Cerino Consulting and Training Group. The program has taught 1,300 educators during five years. They spend 28 hours learning not just how to fire a gun, but also such things as ambush tactics, responding under stress and treating wounds.

Students on occasion have left the class within the first few hours after realizing they're not cut out for it.

Cerino said teachers realize that the usual tactics taught in school — lockdowns and throwing books and other objects at a gunman — are simply "not going to stop a determined killer with a gun. And all that's going to do is delay the inevitable."

Christopher Albrecht, a fourth-grade teacher from Brockport, New York, and the state's 2018 teacher of the year, said there is already high anxiety in schools with lockdown drills and fears of shooters. He said he is not convinced arming educators is the solution.

"I can't imagine if I had a



A bicyclist rides past a sign at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Friday in Parkland, Florida. Teachers and administrators returned for the first time since the Valentine's Day shooting that killed several people.

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been trained to go in immediately — even if it's a lone officer without backup.

Why the school resource officer stayed outside rather than try to stop the Parkland shooter hasn't been disclosed. But one possible factor, law enforcement experts said, is the limited daily experience those officers have with high-pressure situations.

Is it then unreasonable to expect educators to perform any differently?

"Just being a gun enthusiast doesn't mean you're going to perform well under stress," said John Bostain, a former police officer in Virginia who now travels the country training law enforcement. "You can't just tell people what it's going to feel like. You have to experience it."

gun that was visible on me what that would do to anxiety levels. If anything right now, I'm trying to lower anxiety levels in my classroom. I think that would just raise them," he said.

Mo Canady, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers, urged every school to first get an armed officer posted before it considers arming teachers. Those officers are highly trained, he said. Also, he said, arming

teachers could make it difficult for police rushing to the scene of a shooting to tell who the bad guy is.

"We see one person or six people with weapons drawn in plainclothes — that could go bad in a hurry," Canady said.

The tactics for dealing with active shooters changed after the Columbine High School attack in 1999 in which two students killed 13 people. At the time, it was general practice for law enforcement to wait for a team of officers to

assemble before going in to confront a gunman.

Since then, officers have

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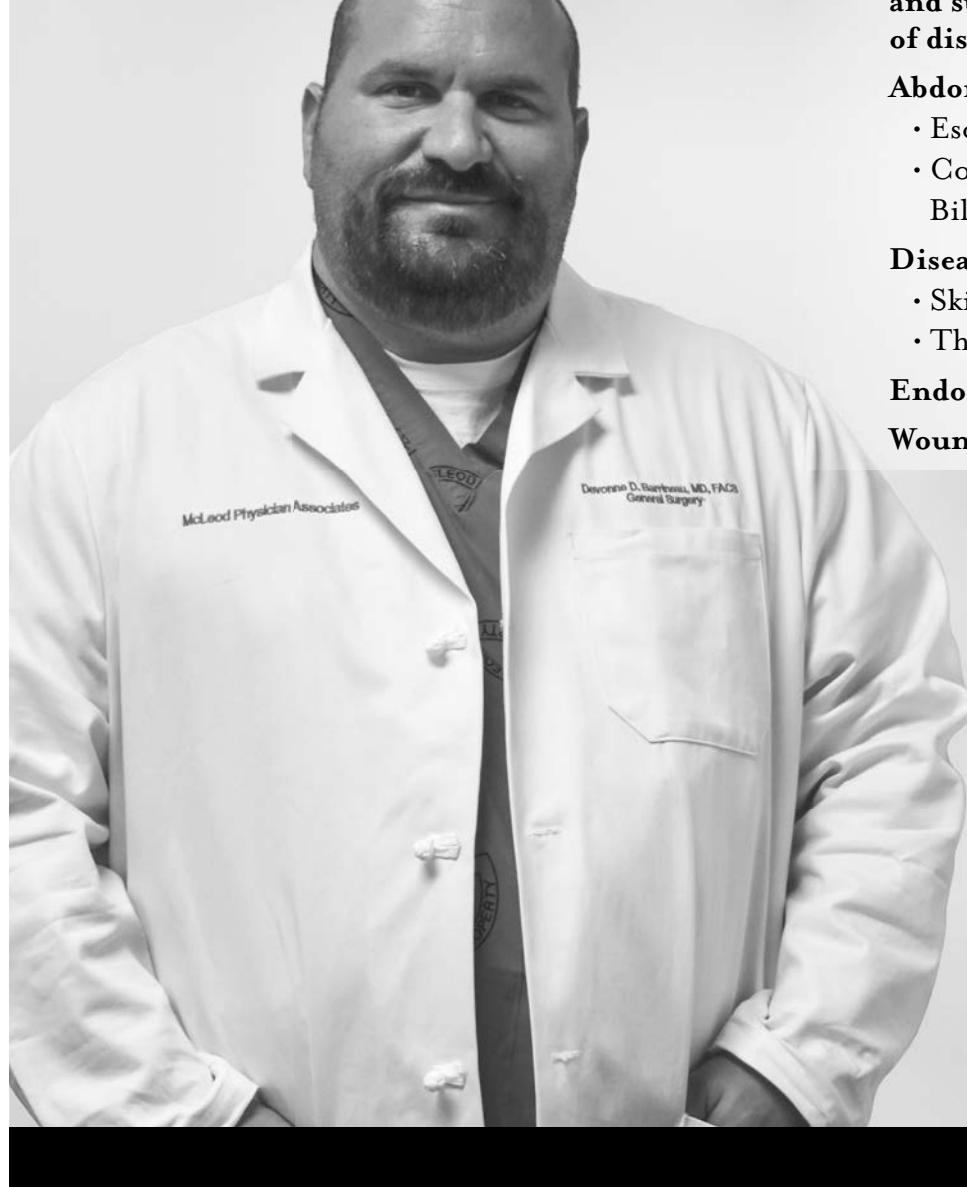
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## HISTORIC

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and Courthouse Barber-shop building at 134 and 136 N. Main St. will undergo exterior and interior renovations to create two tenant spaces on the first floor and four studio apartments on the second floor.

The building was constructed in 1925 and is considered to be a contributing structure in the Downtown Sumter National Register Historic District, made up of buildings deemed worthy of preservation because of their historical significance.

Minimal changes will be made to the front of the building while multiple closed-off window spaces will be opened and two balconies will be constructed at the rear, Roodman said.

Six parking spaces will be marked at the rear of the building, one for each of the living spaces and two extras.

Committee member Bell recused himself from the vote because he is the project architect.

### NEGLECTED HISTORIC HOME TO GET NEW LIFE

The plan is to convert the two-story house in

the 400 block of West Hampton Avenue into a duplex with separate two-bedroom living spaces on each floor, Roodman said.

The exterior of the structure will keep the look of a single-family house.

According to a report, the house "had been subject to a continuous pattern of severe neglect, which has left the structure in severe disrepair."

The house was built in 1884 — contributing to the historical aesthetic of the Hampton Park District — and has beautiful bones that the applicant will try to revive and restore, Roodman said.

Vinyl siding on the exterior will be removed and replaced with weatherboard siding that will be painted yellow, according to a report. Dark green accents will also be added to the exterior.

And a dilapidated addition — supposedly built in the 1960s or 70s — that was never recorded during a property survey will be removed from the property.



Sumter County Coroner's Office can view the deceased person's picture, name, date of birth and other identifying information after scanning that person's fingerprints.

## ID

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be a burden to the coroner's office when staff is trying to quickly identify the deceased and notify the family.

"It's a race against Facebook," Baker said. "Stuff spreads fast online."

The MorphoIDent device will allow the coroner's office to

quickly identify the deceased, he said, and notify the next of kin before they can get the news online.

Sometimes, people who are near the scene will identify the deceased and post the information on Facebook, he said. By the time someone from the coroner's office shows up to the next of kin's house, they already know what happened.

That makes the situation more stressful because the family is already upset, he said.

Though the job is not glamorous, coroner's office staff understand the importance of what they do and the significant role the fingerprint reader will play moving forward.

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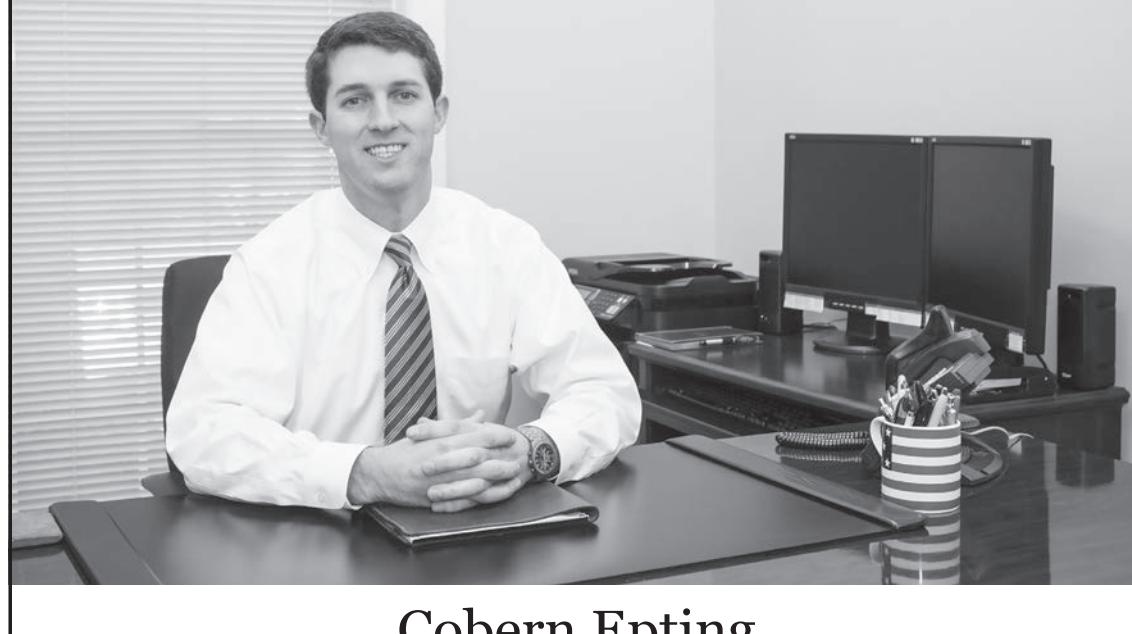
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Monday, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road

**MCLEOD HEALTH CLARENDON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., hospital board room

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

## The last word in astrology

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discussing matters with friends, relatives or neighbors. Limit what you reveal about your position until you have a chance to observe where everyone around you stands. Private matters should be kept that way.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll have the right ideas, the best plan of action and the support you need to move forward. A discussion or visit with someone you look up to will help you with a decision that is weighing on your mind. Romance is highlighted.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Work alongside the people who you feel have the most to offer in return. A partnership can work if you draw up a plan that is based on equality and fair play. Personal agreements should be taken seriously.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Share your feelings. Communication will make a difference to the outcome of any relationship you have. Short trips, friendly gatherings and enjoying the company of someone you love will do you good.

Romance will improve your personal life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a closer look at the fine print and read over documents that can influence your financial or legal status. It's best to have a clear picture of whatever you are contemplating before you make a commitment. Caution is recommended.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New openings will come your way. Get involved in events that you feel strongly about and you will meet someone who has something to offer. Be ready to take advantage of an opportunity that can alter your

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Err on the side of caution when life. Romance is highlighted.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional matters will escalate at home if you give in to those using aggressive tactics to bully or pressure you into something you don't agree with. Outsmart any opponent by doing research and using your intelligence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Personal improvements, travel and educational pursuits will help you sort through any pitfalls you face. A romantic gesture will bring you closer to someone you love and help you gain approval and support to pursue your dreams.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen attentively and take notes so that you get your facts straight. Don't let anger set in or cause you to retaliate. Time is on your side, so slow down and wait for the opportune time to present your thoughts.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll get the go-ahead to pursue something exciting. Working with someone you have enjoyed working with in the past will lead to interesting new beginnings and opportunities. Romance will improve your personal life.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Live and learn from past experience. Observe the way others act before you make a decision that can influence your reputation. Too much of anything is probably a bad choice. Avoid temptation, indulgence, overspending and poor behavior.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Discuss your plans and the personal changes you want to make at home or to the way you live with someone you trust and love. Romance and family should be a priority. Good fortune will come from doing what's right.

## WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
					
A little rain in the afternoon <b>84°</b> Chance of rain: 60% SW 8-16 mph	Mostly cloudy, a shower; warm <b>63°</b> Chance of rain: 55% SSW 3-6 mph	Cloudy, a little rain; cooler <b>69° / 47°</b> Chance of rain: 75% ENE 4-8 mph	Mostly sunny and nice <b>68° / 48°</b> Chance of rain: 0% ENE 7-14 mph	Periods of rain <b>67° / 57°</b> Chance of rain: 65% SE 4-8 mph	Low clouds <b>75° / 54°</b> Chance of rain: 25% W 7-14 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

## IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Warm with periods of rain. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.

**Monday:** Rain tapering off. Winds southeast 4-8 mph.

## ON THE COAST

**Today:** A little rain, except a thunderstorm in southern parts. High 76 to 84.

**Monday:** Rain; arriving in the afternoon in southern parts. High 68 to 78.

## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

## Temperature

High	81°
Low	58°
Normal high	61°
Normal low	36°
Record high	82° in 1962
Record low	21° in 2009

## Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.61"
Normal month to date	2.96"
Year to date	2.65"
Last year to date	5.58"
Normal year to date	6.90"

## Lake Levels

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.38	+0.06
Marion	76.8	74.96	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	74.67	none
Wateree	100	96.66	-0.62

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.24	-0.14
Congaree River	19	4.00	-0.30
Lynches River	14	5.25	-0.16
Saluda River	14	4.49	-0.01
Up. Santee River	80	77.78	+0.07
Wateree River	24	13.14	+5.50

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:56 a.m. Sunset 6:15 p.m.

Moonsrise 1:44 p.m. Moonsset 3:10 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar. 1	Mar. 9	Mar. 17	Mar. 24

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:23 a.m.	3.1	11:38 a.m. -0.1
	4:56 p.m.	2.7	11:49 p.m. -0.4
Mon.	5:32 a.m.	3.2	12:41 p.m. -0.1
	6:03 p.m.	2.8	---

## NATIONAL CITIES

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/56/r	69/51/r	Asheville	68/50/r	62/36/r	Florence	85/63/r	69/46/r
Chicago	45/29/s	52/38/s	Athens	72/55/r	70/48/r	Gainesville	84/62/pc	84/63/pc
Dallas	65/39/pc	63/45/s	Augusta	83/61/r	71/49/r	Gastonia	74/57/r	63/42/r
Detroit	48/32/pc	50/33/s	Beaufort	84/61/r	78/53/r	Goldsboro	82/62/r	62/41/r
Houston	67/51/r	71/54/pc	Cape Hatteras	71/59/r	60/48/r	Goose Creek	83/63/t	74/52/t
Los Angeles	67/48/s	62/46/pc	Charleston	83/61/t	77/51/r	Greensboro	73/55/sh	58/40/r
New Orleans	79/65/t	75/63/c	Charlotte	74/57/s	64/44/r	Greenville	72/55/r	68/44/r
New York	49/42/t	54/38/pc	Clemson	69/57/r	67/45/r	Hickory	70/54/r	61/38/t
Orlando	87/68/pc	88/65/pc	Columbia	84/62/r	70/50/r	Hilton Head	77/64/t	73/55/r
Philadelphia	62/44/r	56/35/pc	Darlington	83/62/r	65/45/r	Jacksonville, FL	86/62/sh	86/62/r
Phoenix	64/40/s	69/46/s	Elizabeth City	80/58/r	59/42/r	La Grange	70/57/r	68/48/r
San Francisco	59/47/s	55/43/sh	Elizabethtown	83/63/r	66/44/r	Macon	78/59/r	71/50/r
Wash., DC	68/49/sh	58/38/c	Fayetteville	83/62/r	64/43/r	Marietta	67/53/r	67/46/sh

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

## We have a NOSE for NEWS

## PREP BASKETBALL

# Zion marches on

Duke-bound Williamson leads Spartanburg Day to third straight SCISA 2A crown

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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Zion Williamson's storied high school basketball career came to an end on Saturday at Sumter County Civic Center. And the 6-foot-6-inch McDonald's All-American said he couldn't have asked for a better ending.

"It's in the city of Sumter where I gained my love of basketball," Williamson said following his Spartanburg Day School's 71-47 victory over Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate for the Griffins' third straight SCISA 2A state title. "It's where my stepdad (former Sumter resident Lee Anderson) did summer basketball camps at Marvin Hodge Recreation Center (at Greater Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church at 609 Miller Road) starting when I was four years old. So it was only fitting that I finish in Sumter."

And quite an ending it was for Williamson, who announced at the first of the month that he would play his college basketball at Duke. He finished with 37 points, 17 rebounds, three blocked shots, two assists and three steals. Even though he was 17-for-18 from the floor -- his only miss was his lone 3-point attempt -- Williamson didn't have the raucous dunking performance that normally leaves the fans screaming and leads to millions of views on social media outlets.

Still, he finished with six dunks, all of them coming in the second half, including his final four baskets in the game.

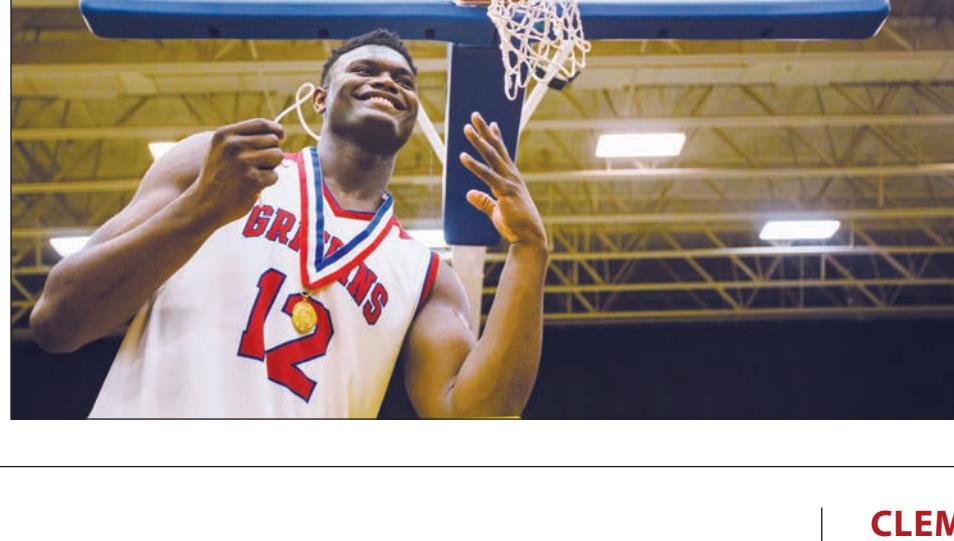
After the game though, Williamson was excited to talk about the Griffins winning their third straight state title after losing in the title game his freshman season.

"This is the best feeling that I've experienced so far," said Williamson, whose team finished the season with a 20-8 record. "To win three straight state championships in a row, I can't describe it."

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ABOVE: Spartanburg Day's Zion Williamson (12) flies through the lane to throw down a monster dunk during the Griffons' 71-47 victory over Trinity-Byrnes on Saturday in the SCISA 2A championship game at Sumter County Civic Center. BELOW: Williamson celebrates his team's win by cutting down the net.



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# East Clarendon girls claim lower state title, win 60-47 over Scott's Branch

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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FLORENCE – The second time was the charm for the East Clarendon High School girls basketball team.

The Lady Wolverines came out of nowhere to reach the 1A lower state championship game last season, falling to Green Sea-Floyds 71-68 in overtime. They made it back on Friday and this time they didn't leave Florence Center disappointed.

EC pulled away from fellow Clarendon County school Scott's Branch in the second half for a 60-47 victory. East Clarendon, which improved to 18-5 on the season, will play Timmonsville for the state title on Saturday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

The Lady Eagles finished with a 12-6 record.

"It just feels great to win this year," said eighth-grader Talaysia Cooper, who led the Lady Wolverines with 23 points. Last year our team took it really hard. To go out and win it this year feels so good."

EC head coach Mike Lowder said his squad has been preparing for this day since last year's loss.

"We've been waiting on this for 365 days, I'm telling you," Lowder said. "It was wonderful. The girls were focused the past two weeks, especially this past week while getting two wins under our belt. We were just hoping and praying we could get to the next one."

East Clarendon opened the game struggling to get its offense going, turning the ball over 10 times in the first quarter alone. Also, leading rebounder and second leading scorer Valencia Garris, along with starting center Britni Anderson, both picked up two quick fouls and spent a lot of time on the bench.

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East Clarendon's eighth-grade point guard Talaysia Cooper goes to the basket as Gracen Watts looks on during the Wolverines' 60-47 victory over Scott's Branch in the 1A lower state championship game on Friday at Florence Center in Florence. East Clarendon will face Timmonsville, 39-30 winners over McCormick in the upper state championship, on Saturday at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia with the 1A state championship on the line.

## CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

# DeVoe's 25 leads No. 15 Clemson to 75-67 victory over Jackets

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Gabe DeVoe scored 25 points and Shelton Mitchell added 14 as he returned from two games missed with a concussion, leading No. 15 Clemson to a 75-67 win over Georgia Tech on Saturday.

The Tigers (21-7, 10-6 Atlantic Coast) ended the game on a 29-14 run after leading scorer Josh Okogie picked up his fourth foul for the Yellow Jackets (11-18, 4-12) with 11:44 to go.

Georgia Tech missed 11 of its last 12 shots and turned the ball over four times in the final seven minutes to lose their seventh straight game and 11th of 12.

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## (15) CLEMSON 75, GEORGIA TECH 67

## GEORGIA TECH (11-18)

Cole 3-6 0-0 8, Wright 2-10 4-5 8, Lammers 5-12 1-2 11, Okogie 8-12 3-3 22, Jackson 4-16 2-2 13, Gueye 1-2 0-0 2, Rice 0-0 0-0 0, Alston 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 24-61 10-12 67.

## CLEMSON (21-7)

Simms 1-2 0-0 2, Skara 1-2 0-0 2, Donnal 3-5 0-0 6, DeVoe 7-13 7-9 25, Reed 3-9 6-6 13, Thomas 4-7 5-9 13, Spencer 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell 4-7 6-6 14, Trapp 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 23-47 24-30 75.

Halftime: Georgia Tech 37-33. 3-Point Goals: Georgia Tech 9-18 (Okogie 3-4, Jackson 3-6, Cole 2-3, Alston 1-2, Wright 0-3), Clemson 5-17 (DeVoe 4-7, Reed 1-4, Donnal 0-1, Skara 0-1, Mitchell 0-2, Trapp 0-2). Fouled Out: Cole, Wright, Rebounds: Georgia Tech 31 (Okogie 8), Clemson 29 (Thomas 7). Assists: Georgia Tech 16 (Okogie 6), Clemson 10 (Reed 5). Total Fouls: Georgia Tech 25, Clemson 16. A\_9,000 (10,000).

## WINTER OLYMPICS

# American men win Olympic curling gold, beat Sweden 10-7

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — John Shuster's last throw in the eighth end of the Olympic curling final clacked off one Swedish stone and knocked it into another, sending them both skittering out of scoring range.

Five yellow-handled American rocks were left behind.

The score, known as a five-end, is so rare it has only been topped once before in the history of the men's or women's Olympic final. And it effectively clinched gold for Shuster's erstwhile "rejects," who rallied from the brink of pool play elimination to claim only the second curling medal ever for the United States.

"It's hard to rationalize wanting to do it," vice-skip Tyler George said after the Americans beat favored Sweden 10-7 in nine ends in the gold medal match on Saturday. "But then days like this happen."

With the King of Sweden and Ivanka Trump looking on — and bolstered by social media messages from actor Mr. T., NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers and speedskater Dan Jansen — Shuster skipped the Americans from a 2-4 record at the start of pool play to five wins in a row, starting with a



Skip John Shuster of the United States reacts during the men's final curling match against Sweden at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, on Saturday. Read the full story on the gold medal victory at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

victory over three-time defending Olympic champion Canada.

No U.S. curling team, men or women, had ever beaten Canada at the Winter Games.

Shuster's team did it again in the semifinals.

That set up a gold medal match with Sweden, the world championship runner-up and top winner in pool play, including a 10-4 victory over the Americans on Feb. 16.

After three back-and-forth ends in the final, the Swedes squandered a point in the fourth despite having the last-rock advantage known as the hammer. (The call was too

close to be made with the naked eye; an umpire measured it with a gadget that goes to the millimeter.)

From there, Sweden was playing catch-up.

Tied 5-5 in the eighth, but with the Americans controlling the hammer, Sweden skip Niklas Edin failed on a double-takeout, clearing away just one of the two stones he was aiming for. That left Shuster with a relatively mundane shot for an almost unprecedented score. (Canada's six-end in the 2006 men's final was the only other score of more than four in an Olympic gold medal match).

## SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

## TODAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: European PGA Tour Qatar Masters Final Round from Doha, Qatar (GOLF).

6 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Baltimore vs. Philadelphia from Clearwater, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

7 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Crystal Palace (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Milwaukee vs. Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).

9:05 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Chelsea vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. Bayer Leverkusen (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).

10:30 a.m. — Women's Professional Golf: Ladies European Tour Australian Ladies Masters Final Round from Bonville, Australia (GOLF).

11:25 a.m. — International Soccer: EFL Carabao Cup Final Match from London — Manchester City vs. Arsenal (ESPN).

11:50 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Cologne vs. Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).

Noon — NHL Hockey: St. Louis at Nashville (WIS 10).

Noon — College Basketball: Tulsa at Cincinnati (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

Noon — Women's College Basketball: Ohio State at Penn State (ESPN2).

Noon — Women's College Basketball: Mississippi State at Kentucky (ESPNU).

Noon — Women's College Basketball: Florida at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).

Noon — College Baseball: Charleston Southern at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).

12:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Delray Beach Open Doubles and Singles Championship Matches and Rio Open Singles Championship Match (TENNIS).

1 p.m. — College Basketball: Michigan State at Wisconsin (WLTX 19).

1 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Detroit at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

1 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Georgia Tech at Florida State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Honda Classic Final Round from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (GOLF).

1 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Yankees vs. Philadelphia from Clearwater, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

1 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Windy City at Maine (NBA TV).

2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 from Hampton, Ga. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).

2 p.m. — College Basketball: Nevada-Las Vegas at New Mexico (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: North Carolina State at Notre Dame (ESPN2).

2 p.m. — College Basketball: Central Florida at Temple (ESPNU).

2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Creighton at Villanova (FOX SPORTS 1).

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

3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Honda Classic Final Round from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (WLTX 19).

3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Virginia at Wake Forest (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

3 p.m. — Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game — Teams To Be Announced (NBA TV).

3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Cleveland (WOL 25).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: Colorado State at Nevada (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: Memphis at Connecticut (ESPN).

4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: South Carolina at Tennessee (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: UCLA at Colorado (ESPNU).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: Minnesota at Purdue (FOX SPORTS 1).

4 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Houston vs. St. Louis from Jupiter, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Missouri at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: Samford at North Carolina-Greensboro (SPECTRUM 1250).

6 p.m. — College Basketball: Florida State at North Carolina State (ESPNU).

6 p.m. — College Track and Field: Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships from College Station, Texas (SEC NETWORK).

8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia at Washington (ESPN).

8 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Atlanta vs. Washington (MLB NETWORK).

9 p.m. — College Lacrosse: Ohio State at Jacksonville (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

11 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Baltimore vs. Boston from Fort Myers, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

2 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).

**MONDAY**

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

6 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Miami vs. New York Mets from Port St. Lucie, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

1 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Mets vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).

2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Augsburg vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 1).

3 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Crystal Palace (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).

5 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Abierto Mexicano Telcel Early-Round Matches from Acapulco (TENNIS).

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

7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Memphis at Temple (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

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

7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: South Florida at Connecticut (ESPN2).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Norfolk State at Howard (ESPNU).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Marquette at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State at New York (NBA TV).

7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Philadelphia at Montreal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Kansas State at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

8 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cleveland vs. Milwaukee from Phoenix (MLB NETWORK).

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

9 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas Tech at West Virginia (ESPN2).

9 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: West Virginia at Baylor (FOX SPORTS 1).

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Sacramento (NBA TV).

11 p.m. — International Basketball: 2019 FIBA World Cup Qualifier Game from Santa Cruz, Calif. — United States vs. Puerto Rico (ESPN2).

**WINTER OLYMPICS ON TV**

6 a.m. — NBCSN — Men's Hockey: Gold Medal Game, Olympic Athletes from Russia vs. Germany (replay)

3 p.m. — NBC — Cross Country: Women's 30km Gold Medal Final

7 p.m. — NBC — Olympic Gold (games recap)

8 p.m. — NBC — Closing Ceremony

## NBA STANDINGS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
41	17	.707	—
Boston	41	.683	1
Philadelphia	32	.561	8½
New York	24	.400	18
Brooklyn	19	.317	23

## Southeast Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Washington	34	.576	—
Miami	30	.508	4
Charlotte	26	.441	8
Orlando	18	.305	16
Atlanta	18	.300	16½

## Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	35	.603	—
Indiana	34	.576	1½
Milwaukee	33	.569	2
Detroit	28	.483	7
Chicago	20	.345	15

## Western Conference

## Southwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	45	.776	—
San Antonio	35	.583	11
New Orleans	32	.552	13
Memphis	18	.316	26½
Dallas	18	.305	27½

## Northwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	36	.581	—
Oklahoma City	34	.567	1
Denver	33	.559	1½
Portland	33	.559	1½
Utah	30	.508	4½

## Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Golden State	45	.763	—
L.A. Clippers	31	.534	13½
L.A. Lakers	24	.414	20½
Sacramento	18	.310	26½
Phoenix	18	.300	27½

## FRIDAY

Boston 110, Detroit 98  
Charlotte 122, Washington 105  
Indiana 116, Atlanta 93  
Milwaukee 122, Toronto 119, OT

Cleveland 112, Memphis 89  
Houston 120, Minnesota 102  
New Orleans 124, Miami 123, OT

Denver 122, San Antonio 119  
L.A. Clippers 128, Phoenix 117  
Portland 100, Utah 81  
L.A. Lakers 124, Dallas 102

## SATURDAY'

Philadelphia 116, Orlando 105  
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Minnesota, 9 p.m.  
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

## TODAY

Detroit at Charlotte, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.  
San Antonio at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.  
Houston at Denver, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 8 p.m.

## MONDAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

6 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Miami vs. New York Mets from Port St. Lucie, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

1 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Mets vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).

2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Augsburg vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 1).

3 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Crystal Palace (NBC

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Wichita State center Shaquille Morris (24) shoots free throws as SMU fans hold up balloons shaped to read "FBI" in the second half of a game on Saturday in Dallas. Wichita State is one of the schools mentioned in an FBI probe.

## With hoops under federal probe, fans say it's business as usual

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

Arenas were packed, fans were cheering and schools were competing.

In most places, it was a typical Saturday of college basketball. There was little visible hangover from the latest developments in the federal investigation of corruption in college basketball.

Coaches were taking the same tact they have been, some saying they've found no evidence of wrongdoing and appear to be waiting for the next shoe to drop. Several players still played despite being named in a Yahoo Sports report saying documents showed they had taken impermissible benefits.

Fans, for the most part, were not surprised — with some saying the circumstances have been reality in college hoops for a long time.

Others had fun with it.

At SMU, where the Mustangs were taking on No. 13 Wichita State, some students chanted "FBI! FBI!" and held balloons spelling out the name of the federal agency leading a corruption investigation that has led to 10 arrests of coaches and others alleged to have worked in the seamy underbelly of the sport. One of more than two dozen names mentioned as receiving impermissible benefits in documents in a Yahoo Sports report Friday was former Wichita State guard Fred VanVleet, now with the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

In sentiments echoed by many coaches, Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall said he didn't know about the alleged payments but that his program overall has "nothing to hide."

Utah's student section mocked Southern California forward Chimezie Metu, who was mentioned in Yahoo's report but played and scored 14 points to lead the Torjans in a win. The Utah fans displayed signs like "Need Money? Metu! (Me too)" and chanted, "Payroll! Payroll!" whenever he had the ball or returned to the bench.

"When I'm on the court, nothing else matters. I was just out there playing. I wasn't paying attention to anything anybody else was saying," Metu said. "I'm not going to lose any focus at all. I didn't do anything wrong. Nobody in my family did anything wrong. ... For me, there was never a doubt I'd play."

One school where officials were not enjoying themselves Saturday was Arizona.

Wildcats recruit Shareef O'Neal, son of former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, Saturday withdrew his commitment after ESPN reported coach Sean Miller was heard on a wiretap discussing a \$100,000 payment to freshman Deandre Ayton to get him to sign with the school. The Wildcats also announced that Miller would not coach Saturday night in No. 14 Arizona's game at Oregon. The school said Ayton would be eligible to play.

In Omaha, where Creighton played No. 3 Villanova, the Bluejays were also linked to possible violations.

The Yahoo report said Christian Dawkins, who worked for former agent Andy Miller, may have bought dinner for former Creighton center Justin Patton or his family. Patton signed with Miller's agency but fired him once Miller was implicated in the probe in September. Creighton coach Greg McDermott has said he didn't know if Dawkins had a meal with Patton, but knew Dawkins met with Patton because McDermott also attended the meeting.

"So they took him to dinner. Big deal," said 54-year-old Creighton fan Jim Belgrade, who has been attending games since he was 6. Belgrade said there needs to be a crackdown if money is exchanging hands and that some fans are more concerned than others.

"They will be if it's a big-time school involved," Belgrade said. "And there are people who say it's the rules, and the rules are the rules, so we have to cap it some way. But will fans at Missouri Valley schools be worried about it? Probably not."

Several players singled out by the reports were expected to play on Saturday, including Kentucky's Kevin Knox against Missouri. Texas held out Eric Davis against Oklahoma while the Longhorns conduct their own investigation, while Alabama's Collin Sexton started against Arkansas.

At Duke, where Wendell Carter Jr. was in the starting lineup after the school said there were no issues with his eligibility, the only obvious indication that anything was different was found on the dry-erase board near the Cameron Crazies' entrance: A Twitter hashtag, #FreeWendell.

"Obviously I was disappointed that a former player was acknowledged in this report," Maryland coach Mark Turgeon said after the Terrapins were beaten 85-61 by No. 17 Michigan. Former Maryland player Diamond Stone, who played one season for the

Terrapins, was also mentioned as receiving an improper loan from an agent.

"I have absolutely zero relationship with that agent or that agency. Wouldn't know him if he walked into the room today," Turgeon said.

Michigan guard Muhammad Ali Abdur-Rahkman said he is aware of the scandal, but that's about as far as it goes.

"We still have to go out there and play the game. People didn't pay us. I mean, there's here and there," Abdur-Rahkman said. "I don't really think about it. I can't speak for anyone else."

Ken Tighe, a Terrapins season ticket holder since 2002, said college basketball has an issue that needs to be addressed.

"I think the problem is widespread," Tighe said. "Diamond Stone is part of an attempt by agents to influence the game."

Michigan coach John Beilein offered a simple solution.

"Educate your players, educate the parents the best that you can," Beilein said. "When somebody's offering them something, they've got to say no to a Coca-Cola if an agent is talking to them, and they've also obviously got to say no to money."

In Dallas, Jim Randolph — who attended SMU in the late 1960s and was a fan during the 1980s when the football program received the death penalty — said fans expect their teams to do whatever they can to win.

"The entire infrastructure of amateur athletics, especially basketball, is just as dirty as can be," Randolph said. "So many people have looked the other way for so long. It's about time it surfaced."

Dustan Foster of San Angelo, Texas, grew up in Missouri and is a lifelong Kansas fan. The 36-year-old oil field worker attended the eighth-ranked Jayhawks game at Texas Tech on Saturday and said he doesn't know what is going to happen next.

"I don't even think Mark Emmert knows about this point," Foster said. "I don't think anybody knows. Flip a coin."

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## AREA ROUNDUP

## LMA golf wins 3-team match; Barons slug Williamsburg Academy

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy's boys golf team won a 3-team match with Calhoun Academy and Cardinal Newman on Thursday at The Players Course at Wyboo.

LMA won with a score of 175, led by Grant Kinlaw and Lexi Bennett, who both shot a 43. Van Gardner shot a 44 and Harper Epperson a 45.

Calhoun finished second at 175. It was led by medalist Michael Flintom, who shot a 39. Clay Crenshaw shot a 40.

CN shot a 207 with James Reedy leading the way with a 44.

**WILSON HALL 17**  
**WILLIAMSBURG 2**

Wilson Hall defeated Williamsburg Academy 17-2 on Friday at Patriot Park SportPlex..

Cameron Coulter led the Barons' 11-hit attack with three hits. Dylan

Jones added two hits and Jase Epps had a bases-clearing double.

Ben Reynolds started on the mound and got the win. He struck out two in two innings of work.

### GIRLS B TEAM SOFTBALL

**LAURENCE MANNING 15**  
**COLLETON PREP 12**

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy improved to 2-0 on the season with a 15-12 victory over Colleton Prep on Friday at Julie Skolar Field.

Hannah Kate Branham led LMA offensively, going 3-for-4 with two doubles, a bases-clearing triple and four runs batted in. Campbell Proctor had two hits and an RBI and Mary Louise Kinlaw had two hits. Kaleigh Warren had a 2-run single.

From staff reports

## PRO GOLF



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the fourth hole during the third round of the Honda Classic on Saturday in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

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## List takes 1-shot lead at Honda Classic with Woods 7 back

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP)** — Luke List made birdie from the bunker on the final hole Saturday for a 4-under 66 and a one-shot lead in the Honda Classic as he goes after Right behind was Justin Thomas, the PGA Tour player of the year.

Still in the mix was Tiger Woods. List bounced back from his only bogey of the round on the par-3

17th hole to move past Thomas and Webb Simpson with his birdie on the par-5 18th. He was at 7-under 203. This is the second time he's had a share of the 54-hole lead.

Thomas birdied three of his last five holes for a 65 and will play in the final group.

Woods had a 69 and was seven shots behind in a tie for 11th.

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Clemson's Gabe DeVoe (10) drives to the basket while defended by Georgia Tech's Josh Okogie during the first half of the Tigers' 75-67 victory on Saturday in Clemson.

## TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

The Tigers ended a three-game losing streak, two of them while Mitchell was recovering from a concussion suffered in the final minute at Florida State on Feb. 14.

The Yellow Jackets took a 49-38 lead on a 3-pointer by Evan Cole with 15:35 left in the game.

Foul trouble started creeping up on Georgia Tech, and coach Josh Pastner had to juggle three of his starters with four fouls in the final five minutes while trying to play just a seven-man rotation.

DeVoe's 3-pointer with 48 seconds to go closed out a 14-0 run that turned a 61-55 deficit into a 69-61 lead for Clemson.

DeVoe's 25 matched his career high he set on Jan. 28 in a 72-70 win at Georgia Tech.

Clemson led by as much as 10 early in the first half, but Georgia Tech rallied and led by four at halftime.

### BIG PICTURE

**Clemson:** The Tigers are trying to hang onto something rare for them — a bye into the ACC quarterfinals by finishing in the top four in the standings. With the win, Clemson is guaranteed to be at least tied for fourth place with two games to go. In the 12 seasons since the ACC expanded beyond nine teams, Clemson has started the tournament in the quarterfinals just twice, in 2008 and 2011.

**Georgia Tech:** The Yellow Jackets are locked in to play the first day of the ACC tournament, meaning they will need to win five games in five days. Also, without a miraculous season-ending tournament run, the Yellow Jackets will have their eighth losing record in the past 13 seasons.

### UP NEXT

**Georgia Tech:** The Yellow Jackets host North Carolina State on Thursday.

**Clemson:** The Tigers host Florida State on Wednesday.

## USC FROM PAGE B1

### BIG PICTURE

**South Carolina:** The Gamecocks have now lost four straight games on the road and finish their road schedule next week.

**Mississippi State:** The Bulldogs have now won seven of their nine games to keep NCAA Tournament hopes alive. The 21 wins mark the most by the Bulldogs since winning 21 in the 2011-12 season.

### UP NEXT

South Carolina finishes its home slate on Wednesday as the Gamecocks host LSU.

Mississippi State closes out the regular-season home slate on Tuesday as the Bulldogs host No. 19 Tennessee.

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## MISSISSIPPI ST. 72, SOUTH CAROLINA 68, OT

### SOUTH CAROLINA (15-14)

Minaya 1-6 0-0 2, Kotsar 5-11 1-2 11, Silva 4-5 3-4 11, Hinson 2-2 3-5 8, Gravett 8-13 0-0 19, Cudd 1-2 0-0 2, Haase 4-10 2-2 11, Myers 1-2 2-3 4, Booker 0-7 0-0, Beatty 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-58 11-16 68.

### MISSISSIPPI ST. (21-8)

Holman 1-3 1-2 3, Ado 1-3 0-1 2, N.Weatherspoon 3-7 3-3 10, Peters 6-16 5-6 19, Q.Weatherspoon 3-8 7-8 13, Stapleton 2-7 0-0 4, Wright 3-3 2-3 8, Carter 5-9 0-13. Totals 24-56 18-23 72.

Halftime\_South Carolina 32-25, End Of Regulation\_Tied 62, 3-Point Goals\_South Carolina 5-17 (Gravett 3-6, Hinson 1-1, Haase 1-3, Kotsar 0-1, Minaya 0-3, Booker 0-3), Mississippi St. 6-20 (Carter 3-5, Peters 2-7, N.Weatherspoon 1-3, Holman 0-1, Q.Weatherspoon 0-2, Stapleton 0-2). Fouled Out\_N. Weatherspoon, Booker. Rebounds\_South Carolina 38 (Silva 12), Mississippi St. 29 (Q.Weatherspoon, Holman 7). Assists\_South Carolina 8 (Gravett 3), Mississippi St. 14 (Peters 5). Total Fouls\_South Carolina 21, Mississippi St. 12.

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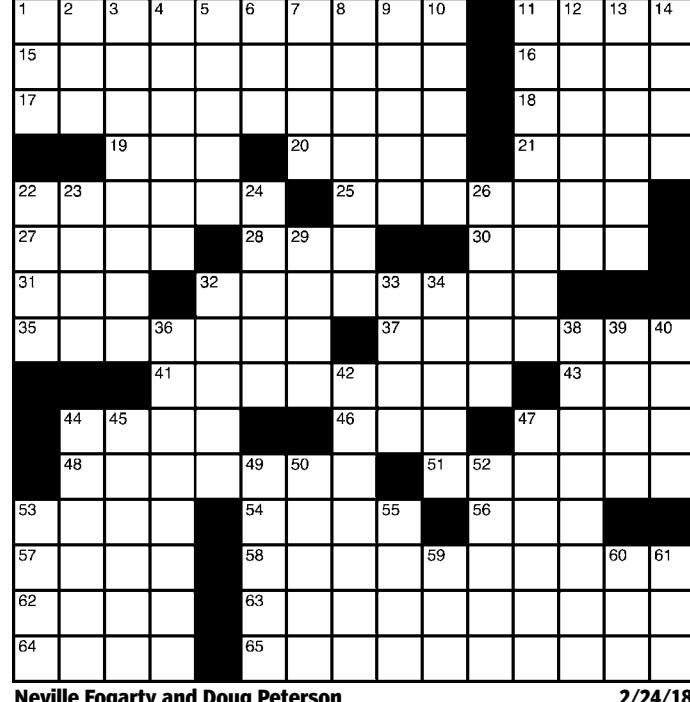
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## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

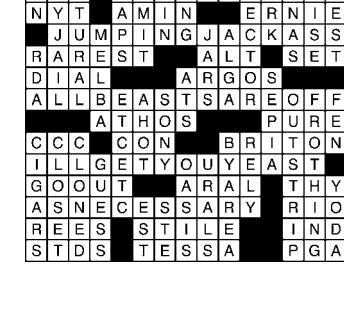


Neville Fogarty and Doug Peterson

2/24/18

ACROSS	43 Today: magazine for teachers	9 Corps of Discovery Expedition explorer	38 Hint miss
1 Arcing "American Ninja Warrior" obstacle	44 Start to bat?	10 Cavalry weapon	40 "Got to Give It Up" singer
15 Cut on a Jackson 5 album?	46 Once called	11 "Yes, sad to say"	42 Coming up
17 "This is news to me"	47 Court suspension	12 Casting choice	44 "Alias Grace" author
18 Romney's 2012 running mate	48 Pacific states?	13 Jerks, say	45 Big Easy cuisine
19 Letters of address for Washington and Lee?	51 Onion offering	14 Dominates	47 Canonized Norw. king
20 Great in scope	53 Meany in an Irving title	22 Rapper-turned-actor	49 Will run you 50 Waters with pipes?
21 Extended narratives	54 Actress Miranda of "24: Legacy"	23 It has a torch and two branches on its back	52 Town in a 1945 Pulitzer-winning novel
22 "Guilty as charged"	55 Monk's title	24 Hint	53 Prefix for all
23 Whispers of Immortality poet	56 Producer Rhimes' TV production company	25 Key	55 Big sport's words
24 Hint	57 Swing	26 Minus	59 Fall off
25 Whispers of Immortality poet	58 Brief plea	27 Pairing	60 Conjunction that reverses to a man's name
26 Key	63 Sci-fi franchise since 1984	28 Parlor purchase	61 Pepper and others
27 Norman or Eugene	64 Footnote notation	29 Weekend night events, usually	
28 Kentucky Bourbon Barrel	65 Weekend night events, usually	30 Includes in the mix	
30 Includes in the mix	31 Former Radiohead label	31 Marx asset	
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36 Pursue persistently	38 Hint	38 Hint miss	
37 Spacious	39 "Got to Give It Up" singer	39 "Got to Give It Up" singer	
38 Hint miss	40 Coming up	40 Coming up	

### Previous Puzzle Solved



## JUMBLE

### THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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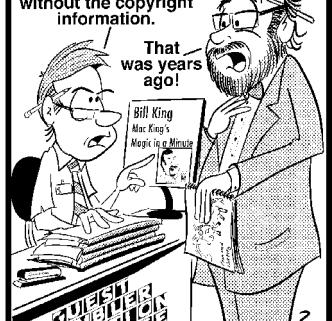
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(Answers Monday)

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**ZION** FROM PAGE B1

Anderson said that Williamson reaching this point is something that his stepson has been working toward for a very long time.

"It was something that we expected to happen," Anderson said following Saturday's contest. "It was something that he's worked on every day. When he was 4 years old he said he wanted to play college basketball. We did everything we could to help him."

There was actually some doubt about No. 3 entering the second half on Saturday. Trinity-Byrnes, which finished 26-6, only trailed 30-24 at halftime after closing the first half with a 7-2 run. However, the Trojans could find no offensive success against in the third quarter against SDS' zone defense, which appeared to morph between a 1-3-1 and a 1-2-2.

T-B's first points didn't come until just 2 minutes, 51 seconds, remained in the third quarter on two free throws from Terrence Mack. Spartanburg Day scored the first 13 points prior to that, eight of them coming from Williamson for a 43-26 advantage.

The Griffins outscored Trinity-Byrnes 21-5 in the third quarter for a 51-29 advantage.

"Once we got up by 15 or so, that kind of opened the floodgates for us," said Williamson, who scored 23 of his 37 points in the second half. "That led to us getting

the fast breaks and the dunks."

Williamson had a couple of windmill dunks as well as a 180 that revved up the crowd. Teammate Matthew Brown had three dunks for his 12 points, including one he caught off the glass on an assist from Baron Richardson.

Kyle Tracy added 13 points for SDS.

Mack was the only Trojan in double figures with 12 points. La'Suhn McFadden added eight and Jordan Jones had seven.

Even though the Griffins were the odds-on favorite to defend their crown again, head coach Lee Sartor is proud of his team for what it did to make it three in a row.

"This was not an easy accomplishment for us," Sartor said. "It's easy when no one knows who you are, but when you're all over social media and everyone knows you, you know they're going to be prepared for you."

As for Williamson, Sartor said he has handled himself well through all of the publicity and fanfare that has surrounded him.

"He loves the game of basketball," Sartor said. "He loves his teammates and playing the game with them. He just loves the game."

"I hope I'm remembered for my all-around game," Williamson said when asked to sum up his high school career. "And for the number of championships we won."

**CHAMPS**

FROM PAGE B1

Enter sophomore backup center Rhamey Floyd. The 6-foot-1-inch sophomore hit a layup with 4 minutes, 24 seconds, left in the first quarter to put the Lady Wolverines 6-5. That gave them a lead they would never relinquish.

It also started a run of six straight points to make it 10-5. EC took a 14-9 lead into the second quarter.

Scott's Branch pulled within 19-16 two minutes into the second quarter before East Clarendon went on a run. Gracen Watts and Cooper got free for layups before Floyd got a couple of low post baskets to push out to a 27-16 lead with 4:16 left in the first half.

"Coach just told me to go in there and play smart," Floyd said. "I think I did for the most part. We work every day on getting the ball in the post so I knew what I needed to do."

Rhaney played a really good game for us," said Lowder, who was certain Floyd had a season high on Friday. "She came in and stepped up for us."

However, the Lady Eagles didn't wither under the double-digit deficit. Cambria Parker banked in a 3-point shot, Chaniya Monroe hit a jump shot in the lane and Tonia Lawson hit a driving layup to pull within 27-23 with 1:34 left.

Gracen Watts hit a layup to give EC a 29-23 halftime



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM  
East Clarendon's Caitlin Timmons puts up a shot over a group of Scott's Branch defenders during the Lady Wolverines' 60-47 victory in the 1A girls lower state championship game on Friday at Florence Center in Florence. ECHS will face Timmonsville on Saturday for the 1A state championship at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

advantage.

"I was pretty happy with where we were at halftime," said SB head coach Lucinda Stukes. "I felt like we were in a pretty good position."

Scott's Branch was trailing just 31-26 a couple of minutes into the third quarter when East Clarendon put together a 10-2 run to go up 41-28 with 3:34 left in the third quarter. The 5-11 Cooper had seven points, including a 3-point play to close the run.

"We just played better as a team in the second half," said Cooper, who now has 1,006 career points. "We just kept pushing the ball."

EC was leading 45-34 when it inbounded the ball on a its half of the floor with five seconds left. Caitlin Timmons threw the ball

to Cooper, who then passed it back to Timmons, and she pulled up and lofted a 3-point shot. The ball bounced around the rim before falling through as the buzzer sounded about a second later.

"We knew they would switch defenses and probably come out in a zone," Lowder said. "I told (Cooper) to go right back to her."

"That basket was huge," Stukes said. "It really turned the momentum in their direction."

SB was unable to put together any kind of run in the fourth quarter.

After Cooper's 23, Floyd had 15 and Watts 10. Mary Wimberly led Scott's Branch with 16, while Bowman had 10 and Monroe nine.

**OBITUARIES****HENRY E. JOHNSON SR.**

Henry E. Johnson Sr. departed this life on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

**JOHNSON**  
Born on Aug. 8, 1930, in Sumter, he was the youngest of four children to Enoch and Abbie P. Johnson. Henry's Christian upbringing led him to Mt. Pisgah AME Church in Sumter, where he received Christ at an early age. He attended and graduated from Lincoln High School in Sumter in 1950 and then relocated to Brooklyn, New York. Henry worked at Able Steel Equipment Co. in Long Island, New York, until he was called for military duty in October 1951. He proudly served our country in the United States Army until December 1953. Upon his discharge, he returned to Able Steel Equipment Co., where he remained employed for 42 years.

On Jan. 31, 1954, Henry married his high school sweetheart, Sue Pringle, and this blessed union flourished for 64 glorious years. From this union, two children were born, Arna and Henry Jr.

Henry eluded laughter and life wherever he went. His sense of humor and laugh were infectious and his joyous spirit was contagious. He was the epitome of the definition of a "real man." Providing for his family was his number one priority, and he succeeded going above and beyond. If you were ever having a bad day, spending some time with Henry would surely turn it around. He was a past master of Hiram Lodge No. 23, P.H.A., Brooklyn.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters: Sadie Martin and Maggie Murray, his brother: Enoch Johnson, Jr., and his nephew: Lester Martin.

Henry leaves to cherish his unforgettable memories: his wife and soulmate, Sue Johnson; a loving daughter, Arna (George Kevin) Johnson-Britten; a son, Henry E. Johnson Jr.; granddaughter, Charice; grandson, Rendel; great-grandchildren, Zariah, Zoe and Isaiah; sister-in-law, Helen Riddick; special lifetime friends, Oscar Hopkins, Deacon G. Lawson and James Heyward; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and dear friends.

Public viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Job's Mortuary with Masonic

Rites starting at 6 p.m.

Mr. Johnson will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Westend Community Church of Christ, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Canty Sr., pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park, Sumter.

The family will receive friends at the home, 2262 Kings Mountain Drive, Dalzell.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**LILA S. MUNN**

Lila Skinner Munn, 82, widow of James Rhett Munn, died on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at NHC of Sumter.

Born in Bishopville, she was a daughter of the late Wilden D. Skinner and Ruth Goodson Skinner Ross.

Mrs. Munn was a member of Grace Baptist Church. She was an avid Gamecock fan and loved to shag. In 1983, she was inducted into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Owens (Angie) and Danny Owens (Katie), both of Columbia; a daughter, Ivey Smith (Don) of Sumter; one stepson, James Rhett Munn Jr. (Connie) of Sumter; one stepdaughter, Kevin Munn Lassen (Phillip) of Florence; 11 grandchildren, Tyler Smith (Lauren), Will Smith, Patrick Owens, Coulter Owens, Jonah Owens, Taylor Munn, Elizabeth Munn, Mary Margaret Munn, Drayton Lassen, Chandler Lassen and Mary McNair Lassen; and one great-grandchild, Noah Smith.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Wilden Skinner.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Grace Baptist Church with Dr. Steve Williams officiating.

The family will receive friends following the memorial service in the church fellowship hall and other times at the home.

Private burial will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church, 219 W.

Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150 or to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210.

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**KYISHAWN C. ARCHIE**

Kyishawn Carl Archie, aka Karter Kenneth Johnson, 20, entered his eternal rest on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 15, 1997, in Sumter County, he was a son of Harrison Johnson and Kim Rene Archie.

At an early age, he was baptized at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church USA. He received his education from the public schools of Sumter County, graduated from Sumter High School Class of 2016 and attended Central Carolina Technical College.

Karter leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Kim Rene Archie of Sumter; his father, Harrison Johnson of Raleigh, North Carolina; one sister, Kenyatta Rashida Jackson of Sumter; one brother, Harrison Johnson Jr. of Sumter; three half brothers; three half sisters; one great-grandmother, Lizzie L. Jackson of Sumter; paternal grandparents, Joseph and Maggie Johnson of Neptune, New Jersey; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church USA, 4620 Queen Chapel Road, Dalzell.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of his great-grandmother, Lizzie Jackson, 1165 Pepper Lane, Sumter.

The funeral procession will leave at 12:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Ebenezer Presbyterian Churchyard cemetery.

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

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

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

**ARENA H. PERRY**

**MANNING** — Arena Hodges Holladay Perry, 86, widow of Walter Holladay and William Perry, died Friday, Feb. 23,

2018, at her home surrounded by her family.

Born Sept. 22, 1931, in Alcolu,

she was a daughter of the late Albert Cunningham Hodge and Nannie Lee Witherspoon

Hodge Lowder. She was a retired administrative assistant for the South Carolina Department of Transportation with 26 years of service, and she was a member of Manning First Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Walter Holladay Jr. (Deborah) of Neeses, James Albert "Bert" Holladay (Nancy) of Sumter and Stanley Holladay (Carol) of Barnwell; three stepdaughters, Jean Kelly (James) of Sanford, North Carolina, Elaine Tatum (Bobby) of Manson, North Carolina and Cheryl Staab (Ken) of Charlotte, North Carolina; 10 grandchildren, Derrick Holladay, Samantha Houston (Jonathan), Deanna Fogle (Wesley), Darcie Holladay, Morgan Tatum (Tonya), Perry Ashley (Joe), Jeremy Kelly (Beyke), Paige Johnson (Jeremy), Jordan Staab (Ashley) and Sara Hoover (Trey); 14 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, David, Clifton and John G. Hodge; and three sisters, Frances H. Gause, Anna H. Harris and Mary Helen H. Pilchard.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Phillip Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow in Wilson Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Houston, Derrick Holladay, Wayne Ward, Louis Drucker, Dean Gause and Don Holladay.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 1093 Virginia Pine Court, Manning.

Memorials may be made to Manning First Baptist Church, 49 W. Boyce St., Manning, SC 29102 or to Wilson Cemetery Association, c/o Buddy Holladay, 7786 Greenville Highway, Manning, SC 29102.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of ar-

rangements, (803) 435-2179. [www.stephensfuneralhome.org](http://www.stephensfuneralhome.org)

**ANNIE L. MCCANTS**

Funeral services for Annie Laura Overstreet McCants, 96, who entered into rest on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, will be held 2 p.m. on

Monday at St. Andrew Church of God. The Rev. Lawrence Chewning will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends following the service. Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home is serving the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to St. Andrew Church of God, 4238 Red Hill Road, Camden, SC 29020.

Making Barbie Doll birthday cakes, decorating wedding cakes, shelling peas and butter beans on the screened porch with the big fan blowing, an apron always around her waist, sitting at the sewing machine, talking with her best friend on the phone, her hands, making jelly, dancing in the kitchen, laughing at my Grandaddy, her love for her church that she attended 60-plus years, her favorite red sweater and lipstick, her "need" for more shoes, her worn out Bible, her spunky spirit as seen when she chose a pink casket, her love of God and the love we could feel when we were with her — these are just a few of the memories that we will always cherish of our sweet, sweet Grandma. She sought his praise until he called her home!!

We would like to also thank hospice and Karesh Wing for taking such good care of her in the last stage of her life.

Born in Barnwell, she was a daughter of the late James and Zellie Croft Overstreet. She is survived by her son, John T. (Gloria) McCants Jr. of Bishopville; daughter, Shirley McCants (the late Freddie R.) Holloman of Lugoff; brother, Jimmy (Kathy) Overstreet of Tampa, Florida; sister-in-law, Elmarie Overstreet of Sumter; grandchildren, Julie H. (Greg) Ozmore of Camden, Kim Holloman of Jacksonville, Florida, Laurie (Alan) Smith of Walterboro and Deborah McCants of Bishopville; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Ralph Overstreet and Alf (Jenna Lee) Overstreet; and sister, Vera (Billy) Bramlett.

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**JOSH T. FRASIER**

Josh Treaven Dwayne Fraiser, 31, departed his earthly life on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 at Palmetto Health



FRASIER

Tuomey Hospital after a two-and-a-half-year heroic battle with cancer.

Josh, affectionately known to family and close friends as Treaven, was born on Jan. 27, 1987 at Toumey Hospital to Josh Dwayne Fraiser and Betty Carolyn Westbury Fraiser. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter School District and was a 2006 graduate of Lakewood High School.

After high school, Josh pursued higher education from Central Carolina Technical College and the University of South Carolina. He obtained a Class A Commercial Driver's License and a certification in Welding and HVAC.

Josh was a private person but enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved being a father and would often be heard saying, "I gotta go get my babies." He was a lover of music and an avid movie watcher. He loved going to work and school and was always eager to obtain another skill or trade. Josh was employed by Eaton before being diagnosed with cancer in 2015. He endured his battle with cancer with a "don't quit" attitude and remained strong and courageous up until his final months.

Those he left behind to cherish his fond and loving memories are: his wife, Jessica Colclough-Fraiser; three children, Ray'Quan Jerome Colclough, Ja'Ariens Zyleek Fraiser and Ja'Niyah Lashay Colclough; his loving mother, Betty C. Fraiser; his father, Josh D. Fraiser; four sisters, Shaniqua Westbury, Shaquarryah Fraiser, Victorian Stephen and My'Kiayah Rufus; and two nieces, Jimeyah Carrington and Destini Richardson, all of Sumter; as well as a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mr. Elijah Mickens Jr. and Mrs. Hattie Ophelia Westberry; his paternal grandparents, Mr. Josh Fraiser Jr. and Mrs. Rosa Mae Vaughn Fraiser; a maternal uncle, Mr. Charles Anthony Westberry; two paternal aunts, Ms. Patricia Ann Fraiser and Mrs. Priscilla Vera Russ; and his father-in-law, Mr. John Charles Colclough Sr. He will forever be in our hearts and truly missed.

Services have been entrusted to Williams Funeral Home and will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Williams Funeral Home, 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Dr. Kimberly Ferguson officiating.

The family is receiving friends at the home located at 4250 Granada Drive, Sumter

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

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**THOMAS P. STRANGE**

Thomas P. Strange, age 70, beloved husband of Somkuwan Strange, died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**TRACEY D. BEDENBAUGH**

BISHOPVILLE — Tracey Deanne Bedenbaugh, 56, of Bishopville, passed away on Feb. 22, 2018.

She was born on April 16, 1961, in Bishopville, to the late Emory H. and Patricia B. Bedenbaugh.

Surviving are her four siblings, Mike (Mitzi) Bedenbaugh, Cathy (Steve) Ballen-

tine, Tony (Laura) Bedenbaugh and Todd (Beth) Bedenbaugh; and beloved nieces and nephews.

Tracey was employed with Carolinas Hospital System in Florence for approximately 28 years. Since her illness, she had been living in Charleston, as she was required to be close to MUSC, but there was never a day that went by that she did not think of those she loved back home.

We were all blessed to have Tracey in our lives. Her courage, strength and spirit were an inspiration to everyone she knew, and her love of life was second only to her love of family and friends. Tracey had a way of reaching out to people by showing love and kindness, and she was an inspiration to all who knew her. We can count ourselves fortunate to have known and loved her, as we were all touched by an angel.

A special thank you to all the doctors, nurses and staff at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center for their untiring efforts during Tracey's treatment this past year. She could not have asked for or received better medical care or emotional support from everyone there. Another thank you to all members of "Team Tracey" and all others who participated in fundraising and those who contributed.

The family has planned a private family graveside service for today with visitation following from 3 until 5 p.m. at the family home, 708 W. Church St. in Bishopville.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorials be made in her honor: Tracey Bedenbaugh Memorial, MUSC Foundation / Hollings Cancer Center, 18 Bee St., MSC450, Charleston, SC 29425 or use the link of <https://connect.musc.edu/cancer> and select Hematology (Leukemia, Lymphoma and Blood Cancers).

We appreciate the numerous thoughts and prayers delivered to Tracey and the family during her illness and now at the time of her passing.

Never take life for granted. Live one day at a time. Enjoy your surroundings with your friends and family, and remember your parents are always watching. God has a plan for each of us.

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home is serving the family.

**VIRGINIA B. WEEKS**

MANNING — Virginia Butler Weeks, 82, widow of Clarence Weeks, died on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

She was born on April 10, 1935, in Clarendon County, a daughter of the late Tom and Mary Butler.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1399 Weeping Cherry Lane, Manning.

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

**DONALD N. McDOWELL**

TAMASSEE — Donald "Don" Nelson McDowell, 86, widower of Dorothy Ann Walker McDowell, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at GHS Cottingham Hospice House.

A native Charleston, Mr. McDowell was a son of the late Malcom Paul and Sarah Todd McDowell.

Davenport Funeral Home Inc. of Walhalla is in charge of arrangements.

**JENNIE L. COOPER**

Jennie Lee Cooper, 76, widow of John Cooper and daughter of the late Holland and Janie Belser Cook, was born on June 5, 1941 in Mayesville. She departed this life on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 at Sumter East Health and Rehab in Sumter.

Family will receive friends at her home, 125 McGhaney Road, Mayesville.

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

**JACQUELINE MCFADDEN**

Jacqueline (Jackie) McFadden, daughter of the late James and Lenelle Frierson McFadden. She is the granddaughter of Joe B. and Delia

Frierson and Jerimiah and Pearl Smith McFadden.

Jackie was a 1973 graduate of Sumter High School. Her life will be celebrated on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 10813 (VFW), 610 Manning Ave. Sumter.

Courtesy Announcement of Job's Mortuary Inc.

**MAMIE L. WILSON**

BISHOPVILLE — Mrs. Mamie L. Wilson, widow of Mr. Joe Wilson Sr., entered eternal rest on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter. The family is receiving friends at the residence, 337 Rouse Road, Bishopville. Visitation will be held on Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home (407 S. Main St. location).

Funeral service will be held at noon on Tuesday at the New Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bishopville with the pastor the Rev. Archie S. Temoney Sr. officiating. Interment will follow in the New Zion Memorial Garden. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**ELLEN DYSON**

Ellen Dyson died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 at Mcleod Health Clarendon in Manning. Born in Clarendon County, she was the daughter of the late Quincy Dyson and Dorcus Ragin Dyson. The family will receive friends at the home of her niece Evelyn Dyson at 1573 Garvey Road in Summerton. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Summerton Funeral Home LLC.

**DEWEY C. JOWERS**

Dewey Cavanaugh Jowers, age 77, died on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Lake City, he was the son of the late James Wilbur Jowers and Dora Mae Eddy Jowers. Dewey served for more than 26 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a master sergeant. He was the owner and operator of Terwood Mobile Home Park in Sumter for 30 years. Dewey was a master bee keeper and appeared on the cover of the American Bee Journal. He served as a board member of the High Hills Rural Water District and was an avid hunter and fisherman throughout his life. He was very involved in politics, especially the Republican Party. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by three daughters, Dee Jowers Hoehn and her husband Shawn of Florence, Stephanie Jowers Ensminger and her husband David of Birmingham, Alabama, and Amanda Jowers Scott and her husband Derrek of Lake View; three brothers, William Mackie Jowers and wife Christine of Charleston, Levon Jowers and wife Nettie of Johnsonville and Roby Jowers and wife Emmie of Johnsonville; three sisters, Frances Mackin of Kingtree, Regina Tanner and husband Joe of Hemmingway and Ernestine Perry of Myrtle Beach; five grandchildren, Joshua Hoehn, Nolan Scott, Harper Scott, Scarlet Reese Scott and Amelia Ensminger.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Jowers, and a brother, Wilbert Jowers.

A funeral service will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Miller officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service today from 3 to 4 p.m.

Interment will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Florence National Cemetery with full military honors.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

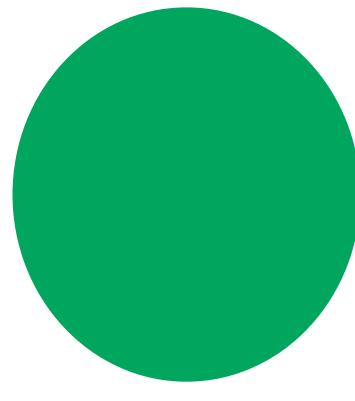
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# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE



## THIS WEEK

- **33%** of Americans say they do not have more emergency savings than credit-card debt.
- **53%** are placing a higher priority on beefing up their emergency savings.
- **40%** are more motivated to pay down debt.
- **61%** of Millennials are the most focused on increasing emergency savings, more than other age groups.

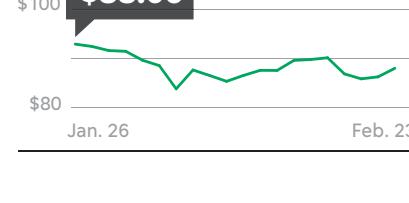
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## ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

### DAIMLER AG

**DAIMLER** A German newspaper reported Mercedes-Benz diesel cars might have been designed to pass emissions tests, leading to a strong downturn on the DAX Index on Monday.



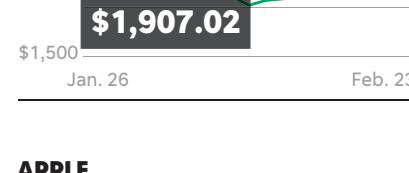
### GAP

**Gap Inc.** The retailer's CEO is leaving over disappointing profit growth, and a search for a replacement is underway. Its shares fell the most in 15 months Tuesday.



### PRICELINE GROUP

**Priceline Group** The online booking company is changing its name to Booking Holdings starting Feb. 27. It bought Booking.com in 2005; it accounts for about 80% of its revenue.



### APPLE

**Apple** The iPhone maker reportedly is working on upgrades to its AirPods headphones, including new hardware features, and plans to make the next model water resistant.



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Ray Dalio	
<b>How to Win Friends &amp; Influence People</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Dale Carnegie	
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Jocko Willins and Leif Babin	

1—For every 10 copies of StrengthsFinder 2.0 sold, Crushing It! sold 6.7 copies.  
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### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow Jones industrial average** **▲ 0.4%** week **▲ 0.6%** month **▲ 7.4%** 3 months

**S&P 500** **▲ 0.6%** week **▲ 3.2%** month **▲ 5.6%** 3 months

**Nasdaq composite index** **▲ 1.4%** week **▲ 1.0%** month **▲ 6.5%** 3 months

**Wilshire 5000** **▲ 0.3%** week **▲ 3.5%** month **▲ 5.0%** 3 months

**Gold** **Ounce, Comex** **▼ 1.8%** week **▼ 2.1%** month **▲ 3.2%** 3 months

**Oil** **Light sweet crude** **▲ 3.0%** week **▼ 3.1%** month **▲ 7.8%** 3 months

**Euro** **Dollars per euro** **▼ 0.0118** week **▼ 0.0110** month **▲ 0.0368** 3 months

**Yen** **Yen per dollar** **▲ 0.45** week **▼ 2.30** month **▼ 4.83** 3 months



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## Use tax refund on home repairs

Even small improvements can boost value

### Beth Buczynski

NerdWallet

February signals the start of tax season, a time when many Americans gain nearly \$3,000 on average in the form of a tax refund, the IRS says.

Spurging on a vacation or iPhone X is tempting, but as a homeowner, sinking refund cash into your house may be smarter, especially if debts are already under control, says Lisa Greene-Lewis, a certified public accountant and tax expert at TurboTax.

Even small home improvements can nudge home value — and your quality of life — in a positive direction. But how do you decide what to do?

The first question to ask, says Craig Webb, editor in chief of Remodeling magazine, is "How long do I plan to stay in the home?" The answer dictates how much you should spend on and which projects to prioritize. If you're staying put, focus on changes that make your life better and improve value, Webb says. Fix what's broken before thinking about curb appeal.

Here are some home improvement ideas in several price ranges.

### Around \$100

**Replace cabinet hardware.** Changing knobs or handles is fairly simple but gives the whole room a new look, says Colin Shaw, owner of Shaw Remodeling in Niantic, Conn.

**Seal the driveway.** You'll reduce unsightly cracks and slow deterioration of the concrete or asphalt.

**Get the HVAC system serviced.** Regular cleaning can add 10 years to the life of your system, says Laura Hales, a real estate agent and owner of

Hales and Associates in Overland Park, Kan.

### Around \$500

**Add a tile backsplash.** Backsplashes provide an instant transformation at a fraction of what a full kitchen remodel costs.

**Refresh interior paint.** New paint in main rooms brightens the whole house, and doing it yourself saves on labor costs, Hales says.

**Insulate the attic.** Buyers love energy efficiency, and you'll love lower utility bills.

### Around \$1,000

**Get a new front door.** Shaw recommends fiberglass doors that don't swell or contract with the weather.

**Replace inefficient appliances** such as the water heater, toilet, refrigerator or dishwasher.

**Tile the bathroom floor.** Heavy foot traffic leaves flooring dingy. Opt for bright, easy-to-clean tile instead.

### Around \$3,000

**Install new kitchen countertops.** Almost all buyers want granite, quartz and other solid surfaces, Hales says.

**Replace the garage door.** A new garage door recoups around 98% of its cost in improved home value, according to Remodeling's 2018 Cost vs. Value report.

**Enhance your landscaping.** Stone pavers, a fire pit or exterior lighting boost curb appeal, functionality.

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## 5 questions to ask if you want to work for yourself

Self-employment can be a dream — or nightmare

**Maurie Backman**  
The Motley Fool

Countless workers dream of being self-employed — particularly those who want the freedom to set their own schedules, accept or reject assignments as they see fit and answer mostly to themselves.

But before you take the leap into self-employment, make sure you're ready logically, emotionally and financially.

Here are a few key questions to ask yourself prior to taking the plunge.

**Do I have a business plan?** It's one thing to be passionate about your line of work, but if you don't have an actual plan mapped out for how you'll attract clients, grow your business and manage your workflow and cashflow, there's a good chance you'll end up failing miserably.

Only once you've thought these things through should you make your venture official.

**Do I have the right setup?** If you're used to functioning in an office environment, going from that sort of setup to working from home can be a tricky transition.

Before you dive into self-employment, make sure you have a space that will allow you to do whatever it is you're planning on.

**While there are lots of benefits to being your own boss, self-employment isn't for everyone.**

**Do I have savings?** Let's face it: Many new businesses lose money at first, and some can take years to become profitable. If you're starting out on your own, be sure to go in with a fully loaded emergency fund. For regular folks, this means three to six months' worth of living expenses. But if you're truly starting from scratch (meaning that you have no clients or work lined up), you'd be wise to set aside a year's worth of living costs for protection.

**Do I have the expertise needed to pull off this venture?** Just because you're skilled in a particular line of work doesn't mean you're good at running a business. But when you work for yourself, you're required to do just that.

And if you lack the experience needed to manage all of the different aspects involved, your venture may suffer.

**Am I truly committed?** When you work for yourself, it's on you to make your business a success. Before you start out on your own, make certain you're committed to the venture you're about to embark on. This might mean plugging away after hours or on weekends and putting yourself out there to network and drum up new business.

Review these questions thoroughly and answer them honestly before making your decision so that you don't come to regret it later on.

## PERSONAL FINANCE

# Know when to reduce money obligations

**Dear Pete:** I'm noticing an alarming trend. People in their 50s are getting laid off. Sometimes this comes in the form of a job elimination. The company offers an "optional" early retirement offering which, if not taken, ends up being a layoff a few months later. Or it means becoming a contract worker, making half the salary with fewer (and more expensive) benefits, but laid off workers can apply for it). These are people who planned to retire at age 62-65 and had to adjust their plans sooner by five to 15 years. I've seen them sell their houses and move into apartments and get jobs six to 12 months down the road that pay 30% to 50% less.

As someone in their 40s, it's hitting home for me that 10-15 years from now my financial life could be rocked in the same way. What financially can I be doing now to weather these potential bumps in the road? Also, can you talk about the importance of people faced with these decisions exploring their options? A friend who refused a package last year will retire with much less this month because of shortsightedness.

— B



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**Pete the Planner**  
Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

**Dear B:** If retiring normally is challenging, then retiring *way before* you wanted to retire because you're forced to is torture.

Imagine driving from New York to Los Angeles and somewhere in the desert southwest, you're forced to end your trip. You'd planned the trip for quite some time, and everything would have been great had you made it. But you didn't. You got stuck in the desert.

Your path to a successful retirement outcome won't necessarily be smooth. At times, your financial life will get harder, even when nothing is structurally wrong with what you are doing. Unfortunately, the tough part often arrives in your mid-50s, right when a job loss could crush you.

And just like that, you're stuck.

This is why healthy retirement preparation is as much about eliminating the need for money as it is about accumulating it. Your plan must eliminate obligations, as well as create a pool of money suitable for generating perpetual passive income.

Your 50s can be your prime earning

years. And this is exactly the time when you need to employ more self-control. Be wary of buying that empty-nester dream house as it will make a flexible retirement harder. Don't increase your obligations when you should be decreasing them.

Navigating the waters of pre-retirement is hard enough without worrying about your job disappearing and disrupting well-laid plans. If you want to weather this danger, you must periodically run an obligation-and-independence audit on your finances.

Draw a horizontal line on a piece of paper, and create a series of hash marks on the line, representing future age markers. Next, list major life events on the timeline. Be sure to note events such as your mortgage payoff year, when you reach age 59½ (when retirement funds become available), and when you hit age 62 (the first chance to activate Social Security). This exercise should take at least 30 minutes, because you need to think through when debts are paid off, when new debts are acquired, when income streams start and stop and any other event which causes your need for income to increase or decrease.

What trends do you see? When I drew my line, I noticed my need for money peaked at age 53 and then receded from there. If I were to lose my job at or around 53 years old, I would be in big trouble. Therefore I want to be sure to not take on any additional obligations around that time in my life. Knowing when you're the most at risk is a reasonable way to avoid additional risks.

As far as evaluating early exit options presented to you, there isn't a rule of thumb to follow as there are too many variables. However, if presented with a buyout offer, it wouldn't hurt you to complete the age timeline project. It will help you see your weak spots in the coming years.

Your career may take a wild turn, but your financial life should never really surprise you. You have to dig deep into events you know are coming in order to understand where weaknesses exist.

If you don't, you may unwittingly take on more obligations when you're the most vulnerable.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

## Verizon moves to stop selling unlocked phones

That means travelers will need to plan ahead

**Rob Pegoraro**  
Special to USA TODAY

A move by Verizon Wireless to resume electronically locking smartphones in its stores may lead to hiccups for subscribers who need to travel internationally soon after buying a phone. And it should remind all of us to think about how the phones we think we own can be made to function like somebody else's property.

At first Verizon will lock phones — meaning you can't use them on another wireless service — until a customer buys one and activates Verizon service on it. But this spring, the nation's largest wireless carrier will keep phones locked for an unannounced period even after subscribers put them into service. CNET first reported the move.

Verizon says a surge in thefts forced it to end its practice of selling phones unlocked, ready for use on any compatible wireless service.

An analyst briefed by Verizon, GlobalData's Avi Greengart, said his read on Verizon's intentions is that this initial lockdown will last two or three months. Then the carrier would unlock these phones automatically even when subscribers still owe payments on their devices. That would leave customers who later develop subscribers' remorse free to move to a competitor — for example, Comcast's Xfinity Mobile, which resells Verizon's network and allows customers to bring their own devices to the service.

"The consumer hassle comes in if you buy it and you then go off to Europe," Greengart said. There and in much of the rest of the world, Verizon charges \$10 a day in roaming fees, well above what you'd pay to pop a prepaid SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card from a local service into your phone.

Greengart also noted that Verizon's move violates the spirit, if not the exact text, of an open-devices condition im-

posed by the Federal Communications Commission in a 2008 spectrum auction. But he doubted the anti-regulation Republican majority now running the FCC would object. The FCC did not respond to a request for comment.

The policies at the other three nationwide wireless carriers remain stricter, except for military personnel facing a deployment elsewhere: If you bought the phone from them, you need to finish paying for it before they'll unlock it. Those three firms, however, impose different waiting periods to unlock a new device that has been paid off. AT&T requires your account have 60 days of paid service, Sprint needs 50 days and T-Mobile 40 days.

The potential cost to world travelers is steepest at AT&T, since Sprint and T-Mobile now include free low-speed data and text messaging overseas while their larger rival charges \$10 a day in most countries. T-Mobile also says it will unlock a phone that still has payments due if a subscriber will be traveling to a country where its Simple Go global roaming isn't available.

Remember that at each of the four carriers, you can sidestep all of these restrictions by buying a phone directly from its manufacturer, unlocked out of the box. Both Apple and Google offer installment-payment options for unlocked iPhones and Pixel phones that you can move from one compatible service to another as you wish.

At AT&T and T-Mobile, inserting your SIM card into the new phone should get it online. Sprint and Verizon use a different wireless standard that doesn't fully tie your account to the SIM, so you'll need to finish activating the device by logging into your account at their sites.

(Disclosure: Pegoraro also writes for Yahoo Finance, a subsidiary of Verizon's media division Oath.)

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## THE WEEK AHEAD



Consumer confidence reached a 17-year high in November. ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

## Market's rough ride may have hit consumers' positive outlook so far

**Paul Davidson**  
USA TODAY

Consumer spending and confidence surged last year but recent stock market volatility may have taken some toll early in 2018. Reports on those key measures highlight a busy week of economic news that also includes the latest readings on new home sales, business investment, manufacturing activity and a revised estimate of economic growth in the fourth quarter.

New home sales plunged 9.3% in December as limited inventories and sharply rising prices curbed buyer interest. Housing permit increases suggest a rebound in January is likely, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. But he warns that low supplies and rising interest rates may continue to crimp sales. Economists estimate the Commerce Department on Monday will report a 4% increase in new home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 650,000.

Consumer confidence reached a 17-year high in November and has hovered modestly below that level in recent months. Strong job and income growth underpin Americans' positive outlook. The market sell-off early this month, though followed by a rally, may have dinged confidence. But Alexander says he believes the recent tax cut,

which began showing up in paychecks a few weeks ago, more than offset any market jitters. Economists figure the Conference Board on Tuesday will announce a modest increase in its consumer confidence index.

Business investment turned in a healthy showing in 2017 following a long slump. Capital goods orders excluding aircraft and defense — which is tantamount to business investment — dipped 0.3% in December.

On Wednesday, Commerce releases its second estimate of fourth-quarter economic growth. Its initial reading showed the economy growing at a solid 2.6% at an annual rate late last year as sturdy consumer spending, business investment and housing starts were partly offset by weak business stockpiling and a widening trade gap.

Commerce on Thursday provides its first snapshot of consumer spending in 2018. Although gains were healthy last year, retail sales were disappointing last month. Economists expect Commerce to report a modest 0.2% increase in consumption in January.

Manufacturers have been benefiting from an improving global economy and a rejuvenated oil industry. Economists expect the Institute for Supply Management to announce a slight dip in its index of factory activity to a level that still shows robust expansion.

# Wedding planning: Start with a budget



Things to consider when making a budget include attire, wedding bands, catering, alcoholic beverages, decor and location(s). ISTOCK IMAGE

If the happy couple can't see eye to eye, try to meet halfway, make trade-offs

**Lauren Schwahn**  
NerdWallet

The proposal was perfect. You've told friends and family the exciting news and shared pictures of the sparkly new ring on Instagram. Now it's time to plan the wedding.

Setting a realistic budget is a smart first step.

Throwing out a starting number is one thing; sticking to it is the hard part. According to The Knot's 2017 Real Weddings Study, 45% of couples who married in 2017 reported spending more than they had planned.

"The last thing you want to do is begin your formal life together with a lot of debt because you were under pressure to have a certain type of event that you didn't want and couldn't afford," says Marguerita Cheng, a certified financial planner at Blue Ocean Global Wealth in Gaithersburg, Md.

It's important to discuss what you're comfortable spending and research wedding costs. Here's how to make a budget you can commit to.

## Add up your funds

Review your financial situation before you choose the cake, put a deposit down on a DJ or even set a firm date. Contemplate how much time you'll need to save your target amount if you're not there yet.

"If you just start spending willy-nilly, then you might not have enough money for something that you really need," says Anne Chertoff, trends expert for WeddingWire, an online wedding-planning marketplace.

As a couple, build your budget around your current savings (excluding retirement and emergency funds), what you can save from your monthly income and any contributions from family members, Chertoff says. Don't spend money you can't immediately repay.

"A lot of couples go into debt planning a wedding because they don't have the money that they need right now, so they either take out a loan or they put a ton of expenses on their credit cards," says Ivy Jacobson, a senior digital editor at The Knot, another online wedding-planning marketplace.

## Remember your other goals

In planning your dream wedding, don't lose sight of reality. You likely have other financial goals to consider, such as paying off credit-card debt or saving for a house. Are you comfortable delaying those goals by a few months or years in favor of wedding-day expenses?

Decide where to make trade-offs.

"It is a little bit of give-and-take," Cheng says. "Sometimes you are going to have to give up something, but then you can say, 'OK, honey, if we're spending less on the reception, maybe we can have a better honeymoon.'"

## Envision your wedding

Do you picture yourself arriving by limo or carpooling with your brides-

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**Ivy Jacobson**  
Senior digital editor at The Knot

maids? Are you imagining a plated, three-course meal or buffet-style dinner?

Discuss every detail. If you and your betrothed don't see eye to eye, try to meet halfway.

"If one person wants 300 people in a ballroom and the other one wants something more intimate at city hall, that's a huge difference in style," Chertoff says. "But maybe they can compromise and say, 'OK, maybe we'll have less people but we can have a little more of a grand venue than just city hall.'"

Start by individually writing down your top three priorities — such as location, food and photographer — and look for similarities, Jacobson says. If you can't agree, get an unbiased third party, such as a wedding planner or financial planner, to weigh in.

## Get estimates

Finally, find out whether your budget and vision align. Look up average wedding costs, but note that prices can vary widely by location, season and day of the week.

"If you want a Saturday wedding in June in Manhattan, you'll be paying top-dollar. But if you're looking at a Thursday wedding in March in Brooklyn, it'll be much more affordable," Jacobson says.

For the most reliable estimates, get quotes from local vendors, then plug the numbers into a calculator. However, expect a larger final bill. Couples underestimate their spending by 40%, according to WeddingWire. Chertoff recommends adding between \$1,000 and \$2,500 to your budget for last-minute emergencies and miscellaneous expenses, such as postage and cake-cutting fees.

If the initial estimate exceeds your budget, identify ways to adjust. Trim the guest list, nix the open bar or extend the engagement to allow more time to save.

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## RETIREMENT

# Older Americans face tough long-term care choices



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Growing old in America can be wrought with legal problems arising from health concerns, long-term care and the need for appropriate housing.

The good news is that there are tools, products and strategies older Americans can use to live as well as possible in the last decades of their lives.

So, what are some of the more common problems older Americans face, and how might they solve or at least alleviate them?

**Cognitive decline:** Who will make decisions for you when you no longer are able to make them yourself? Bernard Krooks, a partner with Littman Krooks and chair of that firm's elder law and special needs department, says the best way to address this problem is by searching for and retaining a certified elder law attorney who can draft appropriate documents you'll need, including durable power of attorney, advance health care directives and the like.

These documents allow others to make financial and health care deci-

sions for you in the event you are incapacitated, according to Krooks.

Another useful tool elder law attorneys use: A revocable trust is a device that gives one or more people — the trustees — the power to manage bank or investment accounts or real estate for one or more other people — the beneficiaries, says Harry Margolis, president of ElderLawAnswers and a partner with Margolis & Bloom.

"If a child is a co-trustee or successor trustee for a senior, she can help manage the property or step in relatively seamlessly when necessary," he says.

Of note, the disadvantages to a durable power of attorney or a trust are that the person may step in before you're ready or that he proves himself untrustworthy, Margolis says. "Since these arrangements give him access to your accounts, he could use the money for his own purposes," he says.

**Long-term care:** Again, Krooks recommends working with a certified elder law attorney who can discuss the various types of senior housing arrangements available and the different levels of care each may address.

According to Krooks, most seniors want to stay at home; but that can be expensive and introduce the risk of elder

abuse. According to the Genworth Cost of Care Survey, home health care costs were on average about \$4,000 per month in 2017, while an adult day care facility was about \$1,500 per month.

"Assisted living is custodial care given in an apartment-like setting; however, it is basically a landlord-tenant type relationship with no federal protections, although there are state laws and licensing requirements," Krooks says.

According to the Genworth Cost of Care Survey, an assisted living facility cost on average \$3,750 month in 2017.

"Nursing home is the last resort for most," Krooks says. "It provides 24/7 medical care."

According to the Genworth Cost of Care Survey, a semi-private room in a nursing home cost on average \$7,148 per month in 2017, and a private room was \$8,121. Of note, Krooks says the Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 provides numerous protections regarding payment and admission/discharge issues.

A continuing care retirement community (CCRC) is "a nice option for those seeking one venue to provide the entire continuum of care," Krooks says.

Of course, you'll need to address the various financing options available and what's most appropriate for you. You

could, for instance, pay out-of-pocket — if you have the resources — for long-term care.

According to Krooks, Medicare has "very limited coverage of long-term care." For instance, it doesn't cover long-term or custodial care, if that's the only care you need. Most nursing home care is custodial care.

Medicare does cover, however, care in a long-term-care hospital, skilled nursing care in a skilled nursing facility, eligible home health services and hospice and respite care. The Department of Veterans Affairs also provides some benefits to a few, Krooks says.

There's also stand-alone long-term care insurance as well as long-care insurance that's combined with life insurance or an annuity. The trouble with those policies, however, is that they must be purchased while you're healthy, Krooks says.

Visit [www.longtermcare.gov](http://www.longtermcare.gov) for information and resources.

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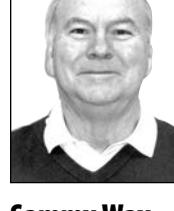
# REFLECTIONS

## Dr. B. T. Williams was a pioneer in his field

Dentist established Sumter practice, participated in civil rights, civic causes

This issue of Reflections focuses on the life and contributions of Dr. B. T. Williams, one of the earliest black dentists to establish a practice in Sumter.

Dr. Williams, along with Dr. Thomas B. Davis, Dr. Andrew Maxwell, Dr. Irby D. Davis Jr., Dr. Edward C.



**Sammy Way**

REFLECTIONS

ing active in social causes. He proved to be an excellent steward in the teachings of his church while contributing to many projects undertaken by the congregation, one being the Mt. Pisgah apartment project.

The information incorporated into this article was obtained from *The Item* archives, the recollections of James Felder and from the personal accounts of Dr. Williams' daughter, Natalie Williams.

The son of Robert Lee and Mamie Garrison Williams, Dr. Williams was born in Ellerree.

His father was posthumously inducted into the Claflin Hall of Fame, November 16, 2005, because of his continuous involvement in community service.

"In the early 20th century, Mr. Williams was a success-

ful farmer and owned a cotton gin and a saw mill. His success as a farmer was cited in several publications. The Tuskegee Institute awarded him an honorary Master Farmer Degree, and State A&M College awarded him a Distinguished Honorary Farmers Degree in 1930. In 1949, his death was announced in *The New York Times*; the stores in Ellerree, his home town, closed their doors to honor his memory."

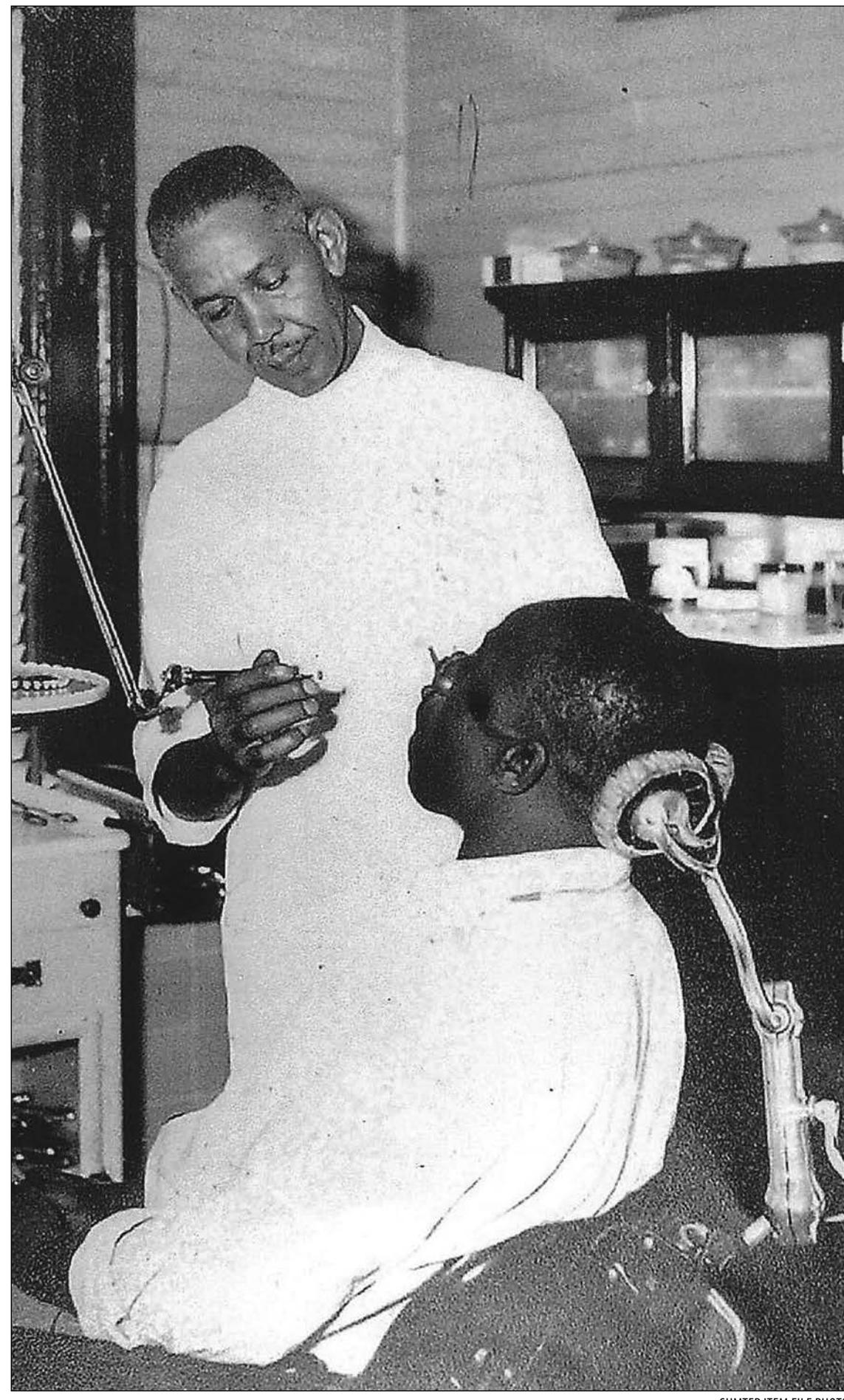
Following in his father's footsteps, Dr. B. T. Williams saw the importance of attaining higher education. He enrolled in Meharry's Dental College along with two lifelong friends, Dr. D. V. Jemison of Dothan, Alabama, and Dr. G. H. Radford of Waco, Texas.

Dr. Williams practiced dentistry in Sumter for many years and, like his father, was a member of numerous civic organizations. He attained membership in the Palmetto Medical Dental Pharmaceutical Association, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the National Dental Association.

Dr. Williams was also active in the NAACP, serving as treasurer of the Carolina Teachers Defense Fund and the defense fund of the State Conference. He served with distinction as a member of the committee which initiated legal strategy in multi-

ple cases taken on by the State Conference.

"On July 1, 1970, it was reported that Dr. B. T. Williams, a popular Sumter dentist who had been active in civil rights causes, died after a lengthy illness in the Tuomey Hospital at the age



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**Dr. B. T. Williams treats a patient at his dental office in South Sumter. Williams saw patients at any time they needed him and was willing to help those in need.**

of 70. He was an active member in the Buena Vista Development Corp. and served as treasurer of the South Carolina State

NAACP and was also active in the Palmetto State Medical Association and served as a trustee of the Mt. Pisgah AME Church."

Dr. Williams was instru-

mental in the service initiatives undertaken by his church.

He was also remembered by members of the Sumter community as an outstanding dentist and as an active participant in local and national segments of the NAACP.

His office was located in

South Sumter and was open to his patients when he was needed regardless of the time.

He was regarded as professional, personable and willing to help those in need.

Dr. Williams was interred in the Hillside Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Dr. B. T. Williams is seen third from left. Williams is remembered as a professional who helped those in need in Sumter. He died at age 70.**



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Robert Lee Williams, B. T. Williams' father, was among the 2005 inductees to the Claflin Hall of Fame.

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# YESTERYEAR

## Mailboxes get some attention; vandals damage golf course

**75 YEARS AGO — 1943**

Sept. 18 — Sept. 24

• Col. Burton Hovey, commanding officer of the Philadelphia Air Defense Wing, is spending a few days at Shaw Field while on a survey tour of airports in North Carolina and South Carolina and Georgia. Shaw Field's former commanding officer arrived Friday afternoon in the A-24 plane that bears the name of his young daughter, "Sandy." Maj. H. L. Bair accompanied him. Col. Hovey is now in complete charge of coastal defenses extending from Philadelphia to Norfolk, and he spends much time flying with patrols and visiting airports in the wide area under his supervision.

• The No. 161,000 federal housing project for war workers at Shaw Field has been completed, and civilian employees are now occupying apartment units in the 12 one-story buildings on the northern side of the post. Civilian workers will have first preference on rentals through Sept. 25. After that date, priority

will be given non-commissioned officers of the first three grades, then commissioned officers below field grade and finally all other enlisted personnel.

• Mrs. Capers Wactor has received from the War Department a certificate of the award of the Purple Heart posthumously, to her husband, First Lt. Wactor, who was killed in the North African theater of action in July. Lt. Wactor had been in the war zone only about a month, having been sent over in June. He had entered the service as a member of the Sumter National Guard outfit and had risen from the status of an enlisted man to the rank of first lieutenant. Mrs. Wactor is the former Betty Witherspoon of Sumter.

• A hard-driving and much larger Lake View football team subdued Sumter High's Gamecocks in the opening game of the football season by the score of 14 to 6. The visiting 11, which lived up to advance notices, scored a touchdown in the second and fourth quarters, both on powerful ground drives, to send the Gamecocks into defeat. Sumter flashed some offensive spirit in the third period to score, and two long passes from left-handed Glynn Goodson to Randy Pressley caused some anxious moments for the visitors, but outside of these flashes of power the birds were kept at bay.

• The Carolina Amateur Athletic Union has awarded the 1944 championship meets as follows: handball, Sumter; basketball, Winston-Salem; boxing, Charlotte; weight-lifting, Sumter; horseshoes, Winston-Salem; and track and field and gymnastics, the University of North Carolina. The places were chosen at the annual meeting here yesterday. The dates are to be fixed later.

• State Forester W. C. Hammerle said today that German prisoners of war-labor were being considered for cutting South Carolina pulpwood which Hammerle said was badly needed for war industries. Hammerle said that under proposed plans his office would act as a coordinating agency to procure and equitably distribute all available local labor and accelerate the movement of pulpwood to the state's mills. He said he would cooperate with federal agencies and plant officials in presenting a request for prisoner-labor.

• A Curtiss-Wright P-40 pursuit plane crashed five miles north of Bishopville, carrying to his death a civilian test pilot, listed by Shaw Field officers who investigated the accident as H. F. Marting. The plane fell about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, Officer Smith of the



1968 — Nancy DuRant, a fourth-grader at Manning Elementary School, puts a new coat of paint on her mailbox at Rt. 1, Alcolu, in observance of Mailbox Improvement Week. Although white paint is preferred by the Post Office Department, regulations now allow colors to be used to brighten up a drab mailbox.

Bishopville police force said, in a corn field belonging to Murray Brown, Lee County farmer. The machine was destroyed.

• Two Sumter Scouts will receive the high rank of Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor to be held in the county courtroom. They are Robert Hirshberg and Robert McLeod Jr., both of Troop 33. They will be the 15th and 16th Sumter Scouts to receive this award. Robert Hirshberg joined Troop 33 when he was 12 years old and became a Tenderfoot on March 3, 1941, a first-class Scout on April 15, 1942, and finally made the Eagle rank on Sept. 6, 1943. He is now 14 years old and has attended Camp Wigwam in Maine and Camp Sequoias in North Carolina. Robert McLeod Jr. became a Tenderfoot on Dec. 18, 1941, a first-class Scout on June 11, 1942, and completed the Eagle requirements on Sept. 6, 1943.

• Shaw Field cadets need no longer wait until they go to advanced school to tackle twin-engine aircraft. A forward step in Shaw Field's training program is the new plan wherein cadets learn to fly A-10's during their last four-and-a-half weeks at basic. The activation of a twin-engine flight and the inauguration of the new course of instruction, which at present includes 10 hours of simple transition, was announced today by Maj. Thomas F. Osborne, director of training.

• Shaw Field Fliers, champions of the 1943 South Carolina Servicemen's league, were feted last night at a banquet sponsored in their honor by the Special Service and Physical Training departments at Sunset Country Club in Sumter. Capt. James Smith, post adjutant, served as toastmaster for the affair and introduced the guests of the evening. Watch charms were given to all members of the 1943 squad, and the championship trophy was presented to the field formally by Lt. Sidney Wright, former coach, who came here from Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Georgia, to be with the team at the honor banquet.

**50 YEARS AGO — 1968**

May 19 — 25

• Imported fire ants, a plague to farmers and a serious pest to all persons, have invaded some 50,000 acres of Clarendon County and stand on the threshold of Sumter County. Pest control experts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Clemson University met with farmers, wildlife representatives, politicians and other interested persons at a fire ant eradication meeting, called by A.D. Grainger, Clarendon County agent. A five-man committee, headed by Charles Plowden of Sumterton, was appointed at the close of the meeting to study the situation in detail and hopefully to secure funding of an area-wide eradication program that would eliminate the hazardous pest from South Carolina.

• The Shaw Air Force Base Golf Club will be the site of the 1968 Iris Festival Open Golf Tournament. The tournament

will be an 18-hole individual medal play, gross and net, with team events played on an optional basis on a two-man team best ball with handicap.

• Sumter County has 18,292 citizens qualified to vote in the June 11 Democratic Primary election. That is the number of persons who had registered by the May 10 deadline for voting in the primary, according to Harold Chandler Jr., chairman of the Sumter County Registration Board. Persons who want to sign up to be eligible to vote in elections subsequent to the primary may do so by coming to the registration board office on the corner of Harvin and Canal streets to register.

• Class Day exercises are scheduled at Edmunds High School. Only a limited number of guests will be admitted, due to the size of the student body this year. Graduation exercises will be held at the Memorial Stadium, weather permitting. Should it be necessary to move the graduation exercises to the school auditorium because of weather, admission will be by ticket only.

• When was the last time you did something nice for your mailbox? The plight of the poor over-worked, under-cared-for mailbox has become a subject of concern to the U.S. Post Office Department. So much so that "Mailbox Improvement Week" to be observed May 20-25 this year was instituted several years ago to correct the situation. The purpose of Mailbox Improvement Week is to call attention to the need to maintain mail receptacles that will protect the mails from severe weather, and the importance of locating curbside mailboxes at the correct height so that they will be easily accessible to the carrier and will not present a traffic hazard.

• Dr. Thomas Kilgore Jr. will deliver the annual commencement address at the 57th commencement exercise at Morris College in the E.D. White Memorial Hall. Dr. Kilgore comes from Los Angeles, California, and is pastor of Second Baptist Church. A native of Woodruff, Dr. Kilgore is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta. He received his theological training at Union Theological Seminary and has done extensive graduate work at Howard University.

• The ladies of the Sumter Lion Club members were the guests for the evening at a banquet complete with candlelight given in their honor at the American Legion. Amid the fines imposed by the tail twister throughout the evening, the ladies enjoyed a dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings. New members were recognized along with their wives. Following the meal, the "Lion of the Year Award" was presented to Doug Purdy along with the presentation of new officers and the board of directors.

• Students dedicated Sumter Area Technical Center's lecture room in memory of the late M. Earl Elmore with the official unveiling of a plaque in honor of the teacher. Learning

was set aside at the institution as students and instructors joined members of the Elmore family for the dedicatory ceremony, conducted by George C. Greer, student body president.

• The Ninth Air Force Band, a 35-piece unit from Shaw, plays everything from the big band beat of the '30s to the sounds of the '60s. On Tuesday night of Iris Festival week, the "Men in Blue" will present a concert at the Edmunds High School Auditorium. Officially the band is designated as the 527th Air Force Band and is directed by Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Veltre.

• The Sumter Artists Guild presented its second-annual student art awards at a quarterly meeting attended by a large gathering of parents, students and Artists Guild members. Recognition was given to art teachers in the secondary schools of Sumter School District 17, including Connie Hess, Edmunds; David Sanders, Lincoln; Tudy Sanders, Alice Drive Junior High; Juan Thomas, Bates; and Judy Zeigler, McLaurin.

• Sunday, May 12, Calvary Baptist Church, located in the Pinewood section of Clarendon County, celebrated its 200th anniversary. This attractive old church, organized in 1768, and steeped in the history of this area, was the gathering place for 325 members, friends and descendants of former members who met to take in an inspiring service led by the pastor, the Rev. William A. Huey.

• Graduation exercises for Edmunds High School are scheduled for Memorial Stadium. Roy James, senior class president, will welcome guests and introduce the program theme, "The Quest." Graduates Sarah Dabbs, Thomas Parker, Martha Stoddard, Thomas Saunders and Sudie Summers will speak on the quest for knowledge, truth, individualism, service and success.

• Robert F. Jenkins, assistant administrator of Tuomey Hospital, Sumter, has been awarded the Robert H. Reeves Merit Award by the South Carolina Chapter, American Association of Hospital Accountants. A charter member of the chapter which was formed in 1953, Jenkins has served in several official capacities, including vice president and president, and is presently a member of the Advisory Board, S.C. Chapter AAHA.

**25 YEARS AGO — 1993**  
Feb. 19 — 25

• Vandals broke into the Sumter County-owned golf course at Dillon Park and wrecked golf carts and damaged at least one green. Crues Bell, who leases Crystal Lakes golf course from the county, said course workers discovered the damage Thursday. He said the vandals jumped the fence around the nine-hole course and caused \$8,000 to \$9,000 in damage.

• Central Carolina Technical College's nursing program is back in full swing. Last year, the associate degree program was put on hold after the college could not find a qualified nursing faculty, said Dr. Larry Cline, vice president for academic and student affairs. The delay only affected first-year students. Thirty-three first-year students who had signed up for the program completed general education courses at the University of South Carolina at Sumter this year while they waited on the nursing courses to be offered. Only one of the 33 students will not return to the program.

• Play on the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base golf course ends March 1, and care of the prime piece of military property will be turned over to a civilian caretaker after the base closes March 31. "We thought it was the only way to keep the course playable and keep it from growing up weeds," said retired Air Force Gen. Jones Bolt of Myrtle Beach. Base officials will keep Whispering Pines in playable condition

during the month of March. Horry County is responsible for all grounds maintenance on base, including the golf course, under a preliminary caretaker agreement.

• The bonds are sold, the construction company has been chosen, and Clarendon School District 2 is poised to build a \$772,000 addition to Manning Elementary School. Bob Clark, the district's finance director, told district trustees that bonds to finance the project have been purchased by First South Carolina Securities at an annual interest rate of less than 4.4 percent. Sumter's E. Lynam Construction Co., the low bidder for the job, was awarded the contract.

• The Sumter High Lady Gamecocks held off a charge by Hillcrest early in the fourth quarter before pulling away to a 52-32 win at the Lady Wildcats' gymnasium. The victory, coupled with Lower Richland's 47-33 loss to Irmo, clinched third place in Region IV-4A for Sumter and strengthened its bid for a berth in the state playoffs.

• Salesmen for a new steel processing plant in Sumter County won't have to travel far to visit some of their biggest customers. One salesman will not even have to get into his car to take care of one account. That's because Heidtman Steel Products Inc.'s newest plant, located in the Sumter County Industrial Complex off U.S. 15 South, stands just a few hundred yards from Interlake Material Handling Division's plant, which buys steel from Heidtman to make storage shelves.

• The Sumter Gamecocks came up with the strategy of running a spread offense against fifth-ranked Hillcrest. The object for SHS was to slow down the Wildcats and keep the game low scoring. It did not work — on the Wildcats that is. For Sumter, it was a different matter. Hillcrest scored the game's first eight points and was never headed as it rolled to a 63-46 win at the Wildcats' gymnasium, clinching the Region IV-4A regular-season title and the top of seed in the lower state portion of the 4A state playoffs in the process.

• Some things in life are certain. We learn to expect the spectacular and unusual from those individuals who have proven to us that they possess those specific skills that make them winners. The life story of Bishopville High basketball coach Harold Galloway reads like one chapter after another in which a very strong, gutsy individual overcomes the odds to come out on top. Galloway is set to return to the life of a high school basketball coach after being forced to take a leave of absence for medical reasons. Galloway went into the Medical University of South Carolina on Nov. 16 and returned home Feb. 5.

• Sumter County Council is scheduled to discuss county-wide building inspections and an operating permit for a proposed expansion of the county landfill. Council will meet at the Sumter County Courthouse instead of during its regular meeting time. There will be no meeting Tuesday. The Sumter County Builders Association is scheduled to ask council to require building inspections in the county, council Chairman Joe Davis said. Currently, only buildings constructed within a three-mile radius of the Sumter city limits are inspected, he said.

• What started to cure boredom after football season has developed into a 26-year-long love affair for John Thame. Thame, head coach of Manning High's girls' basketball team, received a plaque in honor of his 500th career win as the Lady Monarchs' mentor. At the time, Thame believed that Manning's win over Kingstreet was No. 500, but available records indicate that the victory may have been the 501st of Thame's career.

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# Ancient treasures and a walk in the woods

I stepped out of the truck and looked down at the ground. Something caught my eye. It was pink and had a very distinctive shape. It was a small arrowhead. "Woo hoo!" I exclaimed. My son Clayton looked up and waved. He knew what it meant.

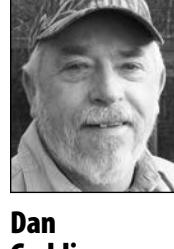
We were at our hunting club on the Edisto this past Saturday. The place is rich with artifacts. We've found arrowheads, pottery, scrapers, spear points and more. This was a scouting trip, but we usually work in a little time to look for ancient treasures.

We had already surveyed the club from the roads, looking for turkeys or turkey signs. We checked my game camera on the big cotton field but were disappointed to see there were no pictures. Apparently, I had forgotten to turn the camera to the on position when I set it out the week before.

A logging crew was clear-cutting a large section of pines near the club house and hauling the timber out on the Club House Road. I was worried that the road would be in poor shape because of the wet conditions and heavy truck traffic, but the road was holding up surprisingly well.

Cut-over areas are usually prepped with forestry equipment prior to setting out trees, but those disturbed areas are quick to re-establish new growth. That new growth will hide any exposed artifacts, but the roads are kept open, constantly disturbed, and are a good place to search — anytime.

The interior club roads are hard-packed sand and hold up very well to normal traffic — like pickup



**Dan Geddings**



PHOTO PROVIDED  
This Native American hand scraper was found embedded in a Lowcountry hunt club road.

trucks. Clayton and I will walk the roads from time to time looking for things that are exposed by traffic and rain. In addition to artifacts, we've found railroad spikes, nails, chain links and bullets.

Sometimes we don't find anything, but it's always fun looking. On this trip, we picked up two arrowheads and a scraper.

Shortly after noon we were on the road to home. Sunday I rested, and I

needed it.

Monday was a holiday, and I had plans to take a walk in the woods. I wanted to explore some nearby Wildlife Management Area land. The state of South Carolina has more than a million acres of land enrolled in the WMA program. Locally, there are WMA tracts in Clarendon, Lee and Sumter counties.

Monday morning was cloudy and cool. There was no wind, and I

needed to burn a limb pile on my property in Clarendon, so I went there first. The limbs were dry and burned quickly, but I sat with the embers and ashes for a while. By mid-morning, I was on my way to the big woods.

My main objective was to walk some of the WMA property lines and to take a look at the lay of the land. I had scouted some of this property last year prior to the turkey season but only made one short midday hunt during the season.

The land is beautiful and has turkeys. I intend to do more hunts there this year, but I need to get familiar with the property. The property lines are marked with some signs and survey markers, but all the markings are old and not well maintained.

I do not want to stray onto any adjoining private property, so I always make it my business to learn the property lines before I hunt. Now is the best time to look. The winter woods are open, and snakes and bugs are not a problem.

I parked the truck and stepped out into a beautiful woodland of magnificent hardwoods and towering pines. It is one of my greatest joys to see a new place for the first time. I always yearn to see what is over the next hill, what lies beyond the next turn, and discover a piece of the world that has always been there but is new to me. I was not disappointed.

I walked slowly, un hurried, yet eager to see more. Turkeys are here. I noticed the scratchings in the leaf litter. Deer too. A wide trail was etched into the side of a hill. The soft dirt was marked by many tracks. The terrain is hilly, and there are not many roads in the area. I think there will not be many other hunters.

The solitude and beauty of the place will be enough for me. I hope to walk these woods many more times.

Reach Dan Geddings at cdgeddings@gmail.com.

Numerous neighborhood lakes and retention ponds broke during the October 2015 flood, resulting in widespread property loss.

PHOTO PROVIDED CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LIFE SCIENCES



## Clemson Extension holding stormwater management conference on March 13

**FROM CLEMSON UNIVERSITY**

COLUMBIA — The Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is holding its first stormwater pond management conference in the Midlands area on March 13.

Numerous neighborhood lakes and retention ponds broke during the October 2015 flood, resulting in widespread property loss.

Intended to help South Carolina residents learn the importance of proper stormwater pond management, the conference is hosted by Clemson Extension, Carolina Clear, Richland Countywide Stormwater Consortium and Sumter Stormwater Solutions. It will be 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Midlands Technical College Northeast Campus, 151 Powell Road, Columbia.

"This conference has been held in the coastal areas for the past few years but hasn't been held in this area," said Karen Jackson, a Clemson water resources agent in Richland County. "We get a lot of pond-related questions, so we thought it would bene-

fit a lot of people if we held the conference in this area. Having the conference here will help get a lot of our information out to the people who need it.

"This conference is a great opportunity for pond owners and pond managers to interact with other pond owners as well as organizations and businesses in the pond management industry and regulatory agencies."

The conference is divided into two specialized tracks — one for pond owners and another for professional pond managers. Topics on the agenda include integrated weed management, upland best management practices, pond inspection and maintenance, funding and budgeting, fish stocking, wildlife management, hands-on problem solving and more.

The cost is \$40 per attendee and includes materials, lunch and refreshments. The cost for exhibitors is \$100, which includes two registrations. Participants who have a South Carolina pesticide applicator license will receive

continuing education units. This conference also qualifies for general continuing education units.

Complimentary registration will be given to 20 homeowners association representatives in the Midlands Region. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/MidlandsPond-Mgt2018> or contact Karen Jackson at [karen7@clemson.edu](mailto:karen7@clemson.edu).

Stormwater ponds are extremely important components of every community's drainage system. These ponds are designed to provide two critical services. They prevent flooding by suppressing surges of stormwater runoff that wash from lawns, buildings and paved surfaces. They also protect water quality by holding water long enough for natural processes to remove sediment and some pollutants before it is discharged to nearby rivers or beaches.

It is important homeowners, HOA representatives and others know how to monitor and maintain neighborhood lakes and retention ponds.

## BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### Crew catches 2 great white sharks

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — A two-man crew hooked two great white sharks within a span of five minutes off the coast of South Carolina.

*The Island Packet* reported Outcast Sport Fishing Charter Captain Chip Michalove said he and a friend were a few miles off Hilton Head Island on Monday when a 10-foot shark caught the line, spitting the hook after a brief struggle. Michalove said a "massive" 16-foot, 3,000-pound female shark took the bite within five minutes.

The size of the shark necessitated a call for backup.

Michalove, who works with the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy in Massachusetts, placed an acoustic tag on the shark's fin so scientists can track her.

Michalove said it's not unusual to catch multi-

ple sharks in one day but that it's not often they're found so close together.

### Wildlife expo sets record in S.C.

CHARLESTON — The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition said it had record sales for a second consecutive year in South Carolina.

The annual three-day event wrapped up last weekend in Charleston.

Organizers estimate about 45,000 people attended. That's ahead of last year's estimate of 43,000.

Last year's attendance broke the record of 42,000 set in 1993.

Expo Chief Executive Jimmy Huggins said Monday he hopes the event heralds a good tourism season for Charleston this year.

Organizers said there had been a 15 percent increase in advance ticket sales and a 40 percent increase in weekend art sales.

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**Bid Notices****BID NOTICE**

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**Summons & Notice**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2017-CP-43-01491 DEFICIENCY WAIVED**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER  
 Navy Federal Credit Union, PLAINTIFF,

vs.  
 Larry Dove Gainey, Jr.; Laura Lynn Gainey; SC Housing Corp.; L&M Properties, Limited Partnership DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

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

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

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of this case to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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**NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**

**YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on August 10, 2017.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION**

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

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

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2013-CP-43-153**

**MOTION TO RESTORE**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Donna Erickson, Plaintiff, vs. Felicia Ruff, Defendants.**

The undersigned attorney for Coffey & McKenzie, P.A., Attorneys for the Plaintiff, has before this Court to restore the above-captioned case.

Based upon the record in this case, I make the following findings of salient fact and conclusion of law:

1. In the above-captioned action, at the request of the Plaintiff, the case was stricken from the roster due to the Defendant, Felicia Ruff, filing under Chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

2. An Order was filed on March 4, 2014 dismissing the case from Chapter 13 Bankruptcy due to not making the required payments under the plan (a copy attached hereto as Exhibit "A").

3. The Plaintiff has not received any payments since April 1, 2016 and now comes before this Court to restore the above referenced case.

4. In the interest of judicial economy, justice and equity and for good cause shown this case shall be restored.

5. This case has been referred to Thomas E. Player, Jr. as Special Referee, for final disposition, and a final hearing shall be held as such date and time as may hereinafter be set.

1 SO MOVE:

**ORDER TO RESTORE**

This case was previously removed from the Court's active roster on June 4, 2013. The real property that is the subject of this action is no longer under the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court, as is shown by the evidence hereto attached as Exhibit "A".

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon motion of Coffey & McKenzie, P.A., attorneys for the Plaintiff,

**Summons & Notice**

**IT IS ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that this case be returned to the Court's active roster, under the same docket number, without the necessity of an additional filing fee.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Thomas E. Player, Jr.**  
 Special Referee

**Joseph K. Coffey**  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 Coffey & McKenzie, P.A.  
 2 North Brooks Street  
 Manning, SC 29102  
 803-435-8847

**Public Hearing****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance #18-884**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County Council for Sumter County, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018, - 6 O'clock P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, as said hearing can be convened, in connection with:

An Ordinance To Establish And Create A Special Tax District Within Sumter County, South Carolina, To Be Known As The "Boyles Pond Special Tax District"; To Define The Nature And Level Of Services To Be Rendered Therein; To Authorize The Imposition Of Ad Valorem Taxes And User Service Charges Therein, Which Shall Be Imposed Solely Within The Special Tax District; To Establish A Commission For The Tax District And Provide The Terms Therefor; And All Other Matters Related Thereto.

This public hearing will be held in the Chambers of the said County Council on the third floor of the Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina, or at such other location within the said County as proper notice might specify. The said ordinance can be reviewed or a copy obtained from the Clerk to Council at the Offices of County Council on the third floor of the said County Administration Building. The public is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Dated this 12th day of February 2018.

The County Council for Sumter, S.C.  
**James T. McCain, Jr.**, Chairman  
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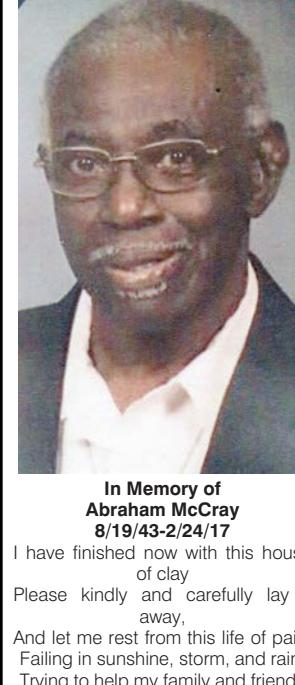
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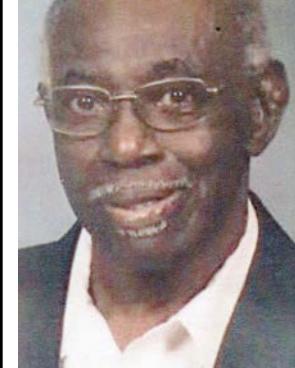
**In Memory**

**In Memory of**  
**Abraham McCray**  
**8/19/43-2/24/17**

I have finished now with this house of clay  
 Please kindly and carefully lay it away,

And let me rest from this life of pain,  
 Falling in sunshine, storm, and rain.  
 Trying to help my family and friends  
 Turning no needy from my door  
 Many times I was misunderstood  
 when I had done the best I could.  
 I'm tired now so let me rest  
 Don't cry, don't you know  
 God knows best?

I have another house you know,  
 Where God's redeemed can go.  
 I don't need this house of clay  
 So tenderly, carefully lay it away.  
 For I have another house, you know.  
 Your Loving Wife Catherine and Children, John, Darrel, Yolanda, Herbert, Wesley, Lauren, and Crandell



**In Memory of**  
**Abraham McCray**  
**8/19/43-2/24/17**

Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Your Brothers and Sisters, James, Norman, Lloyd, Mary and Sue



It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you. The day God took you home, Your Grand Children, Cravon, Crandell, Candiah, Courtney, Charley McCray.



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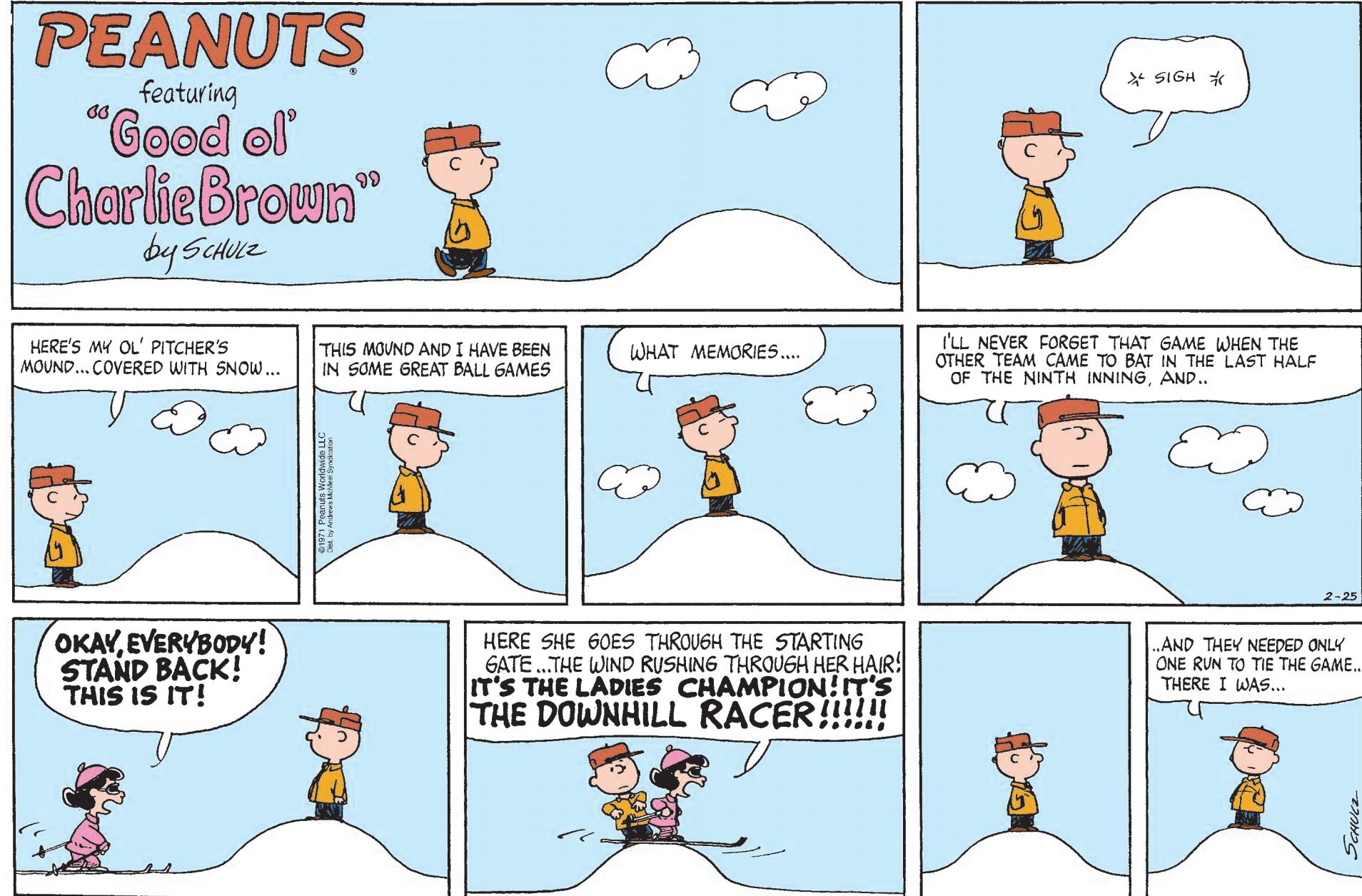
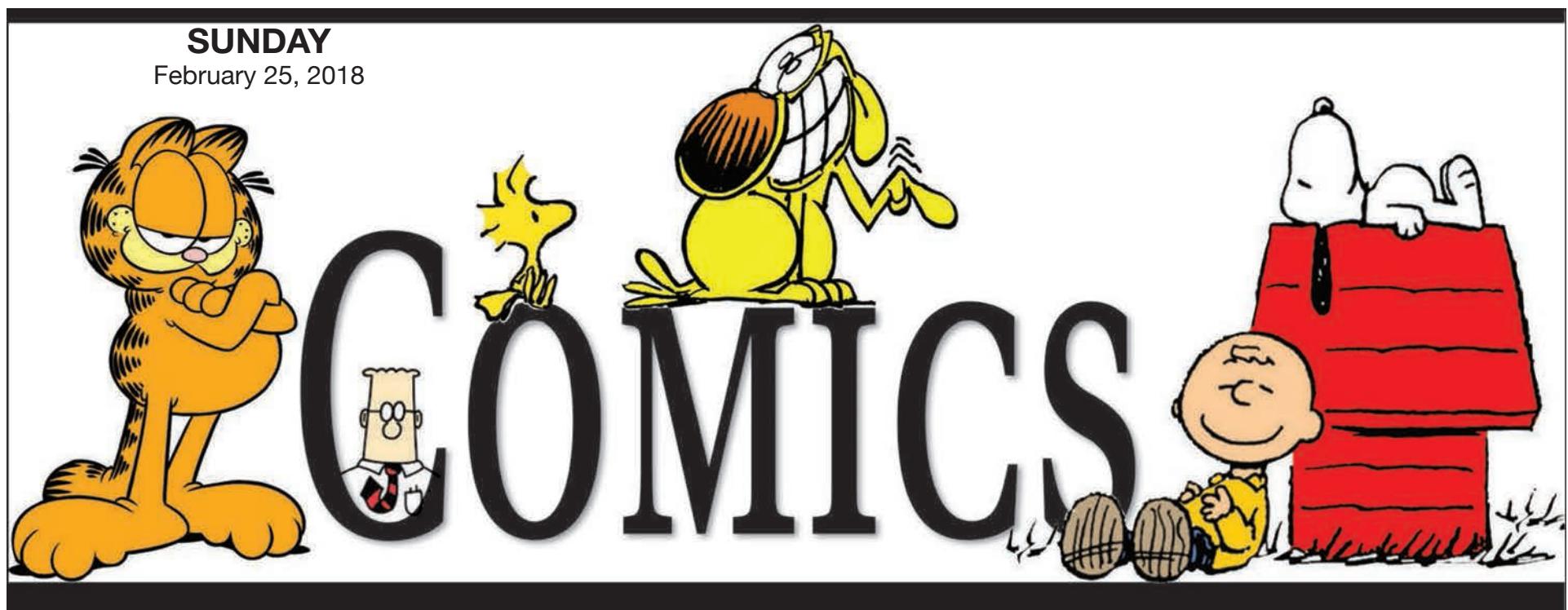
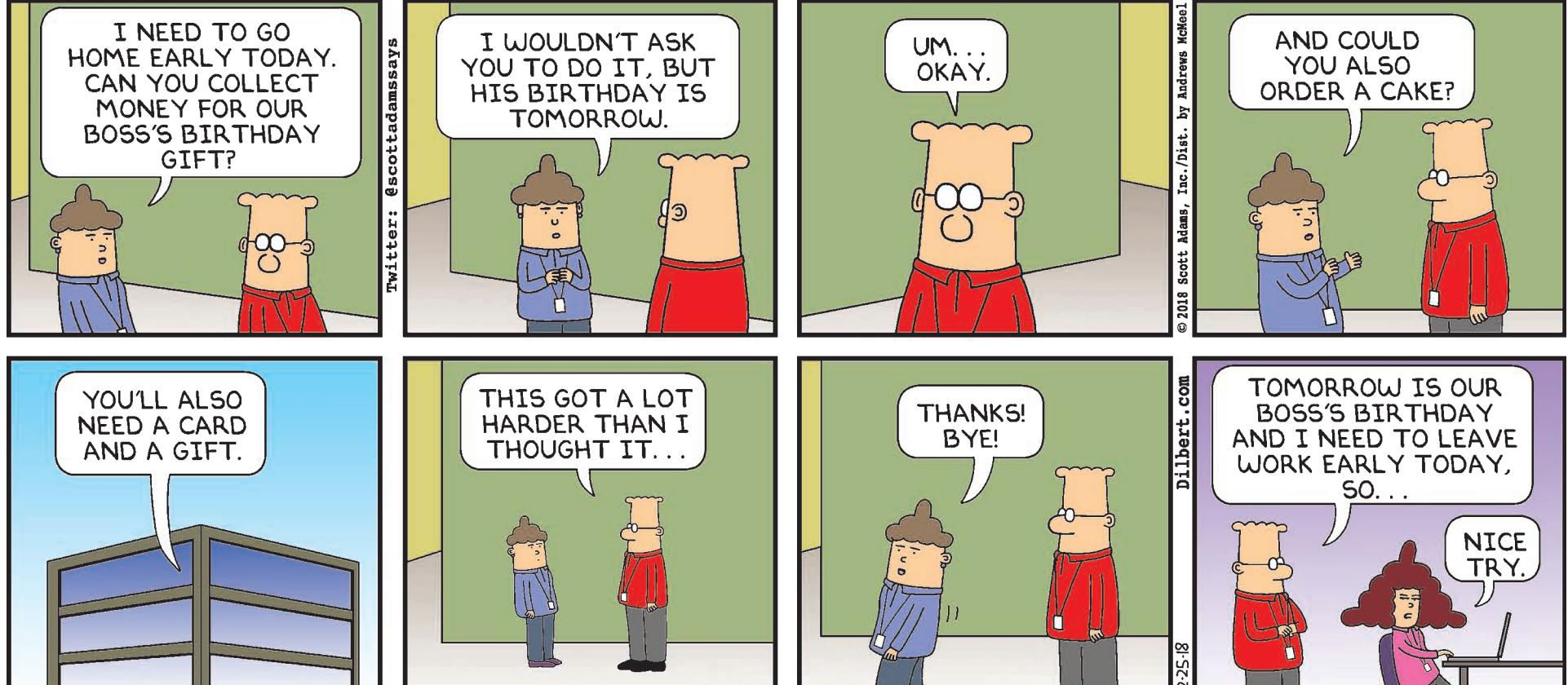


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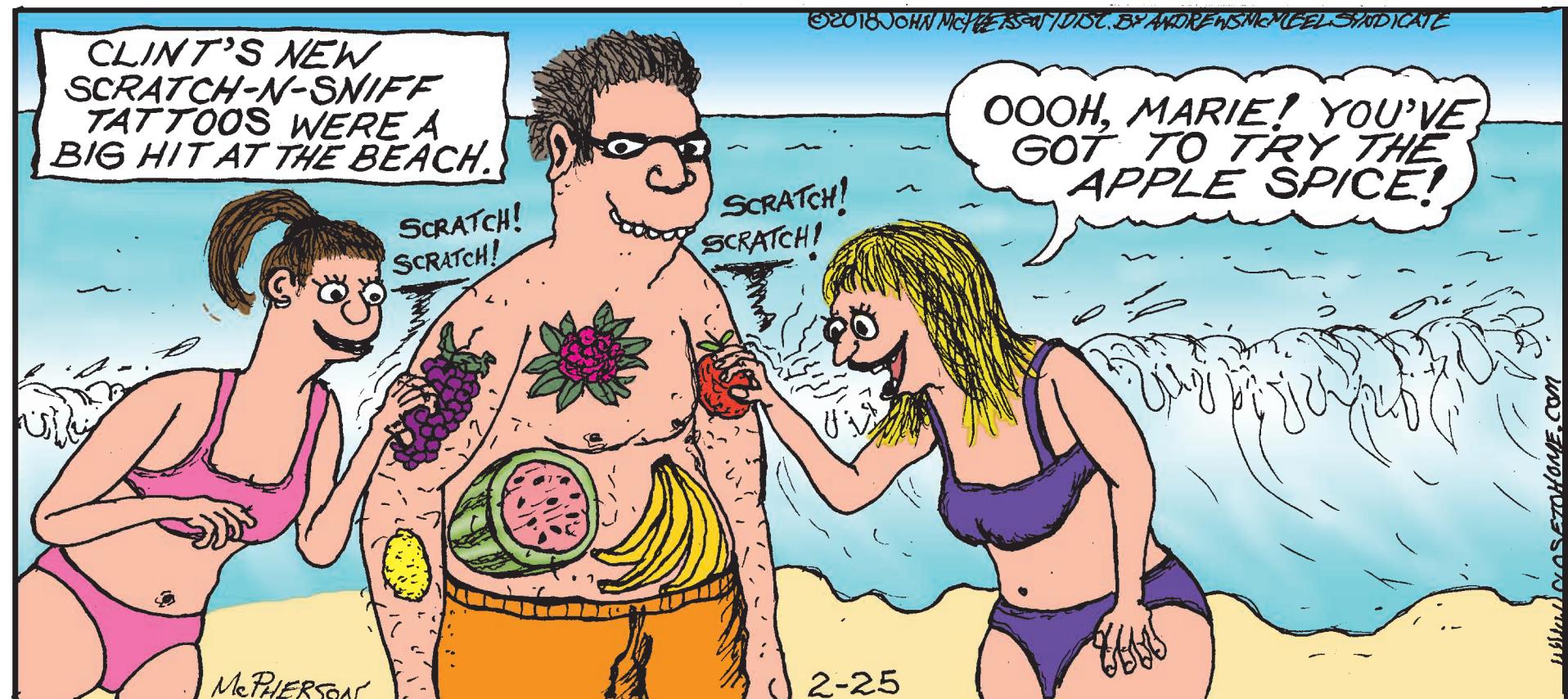
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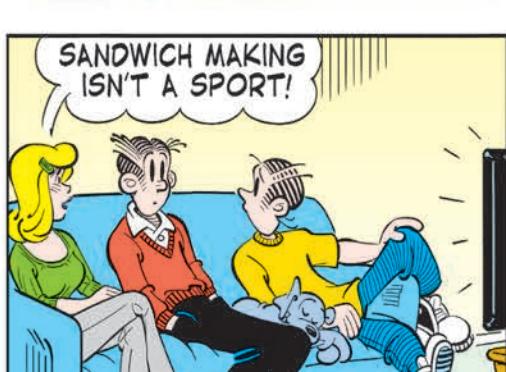
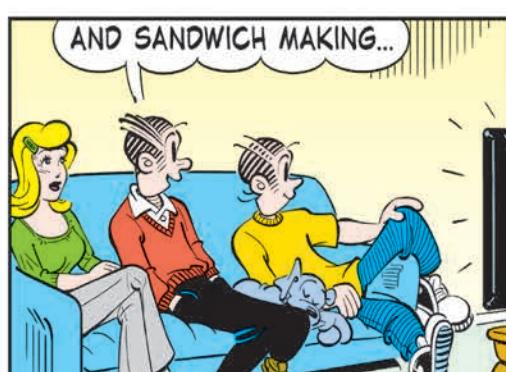
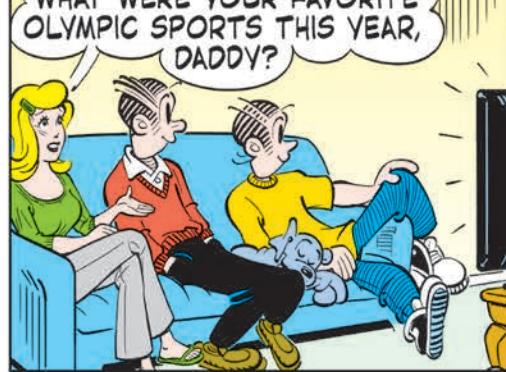
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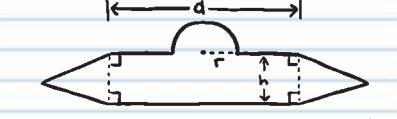


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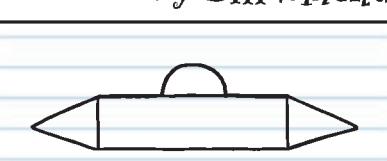
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A flying saucer's profile looks like this:



If  $a=10$ ,  $b=4$ ,  $h=3$ , and  $r=\frac{18}{\pi}$ , calculate its area.



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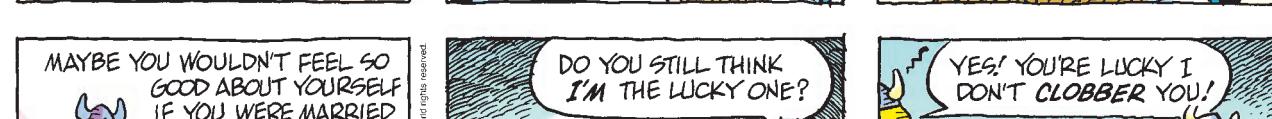
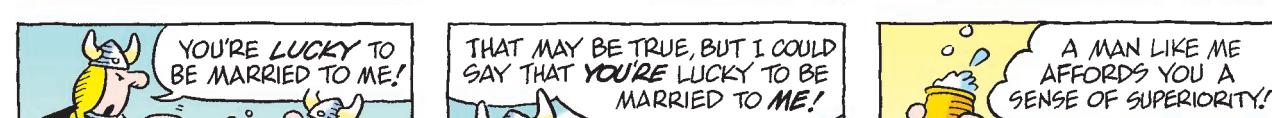
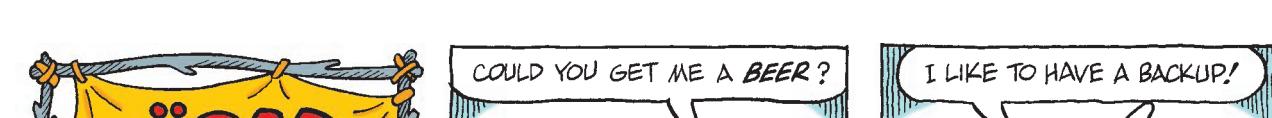
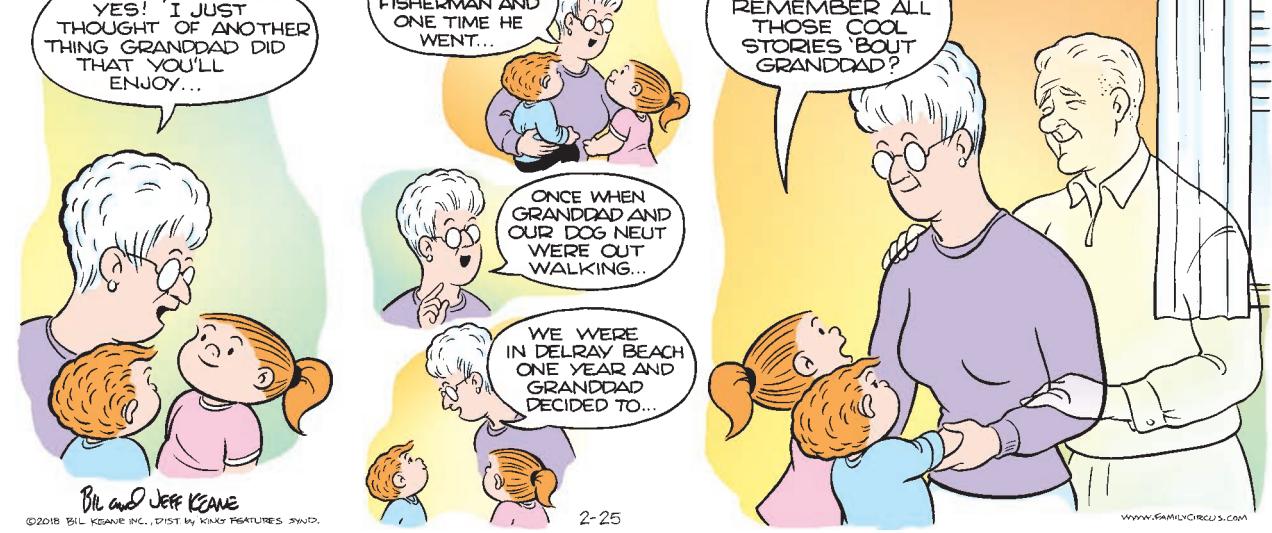
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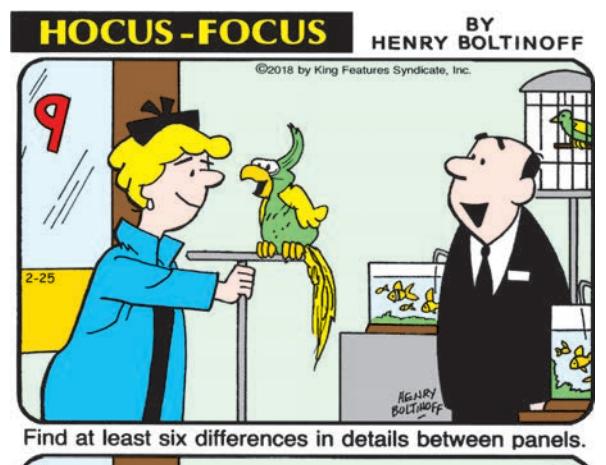
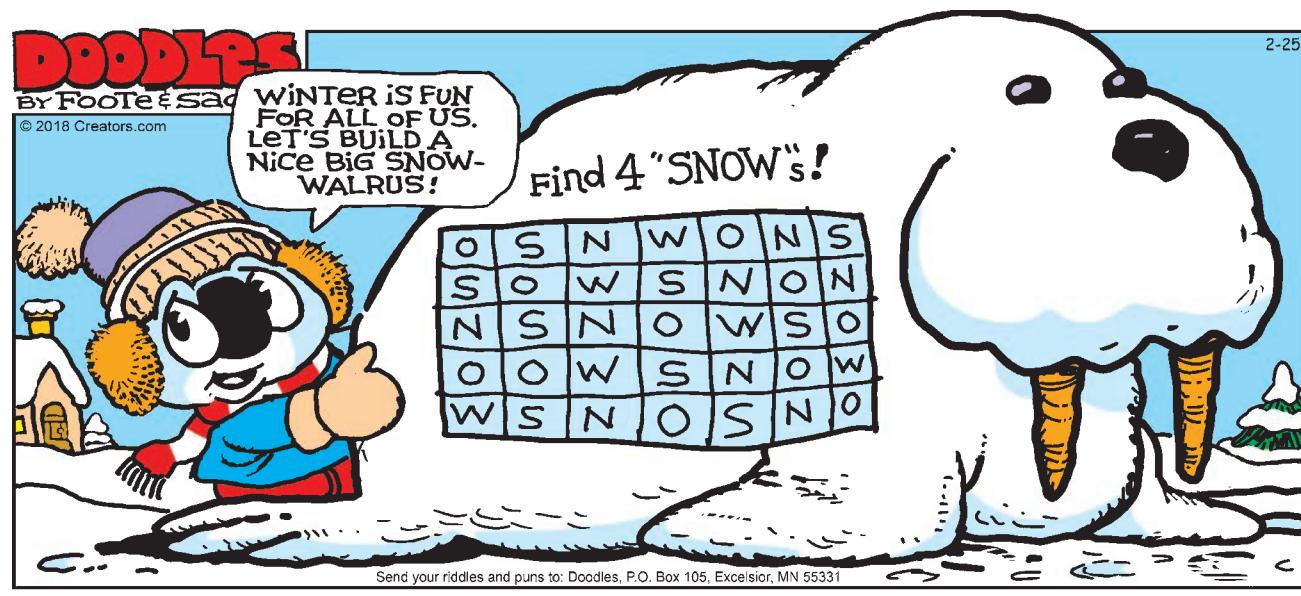
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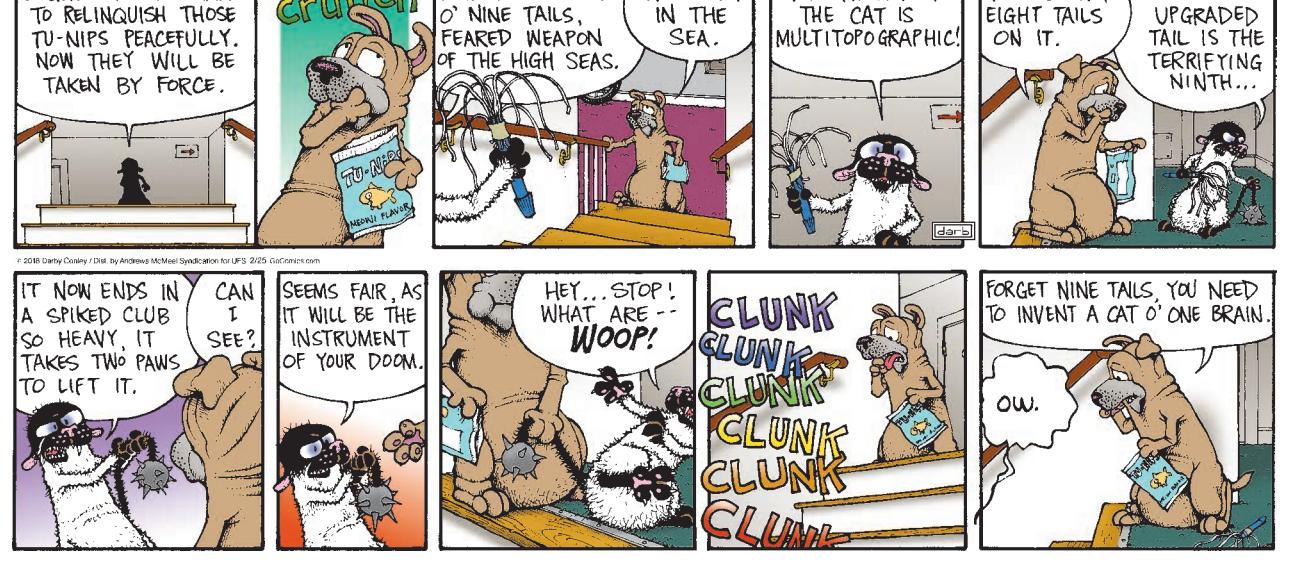
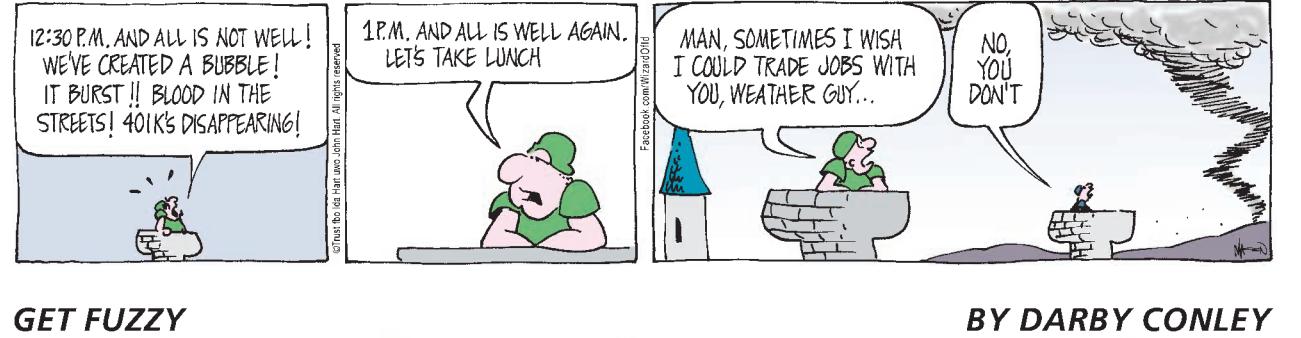
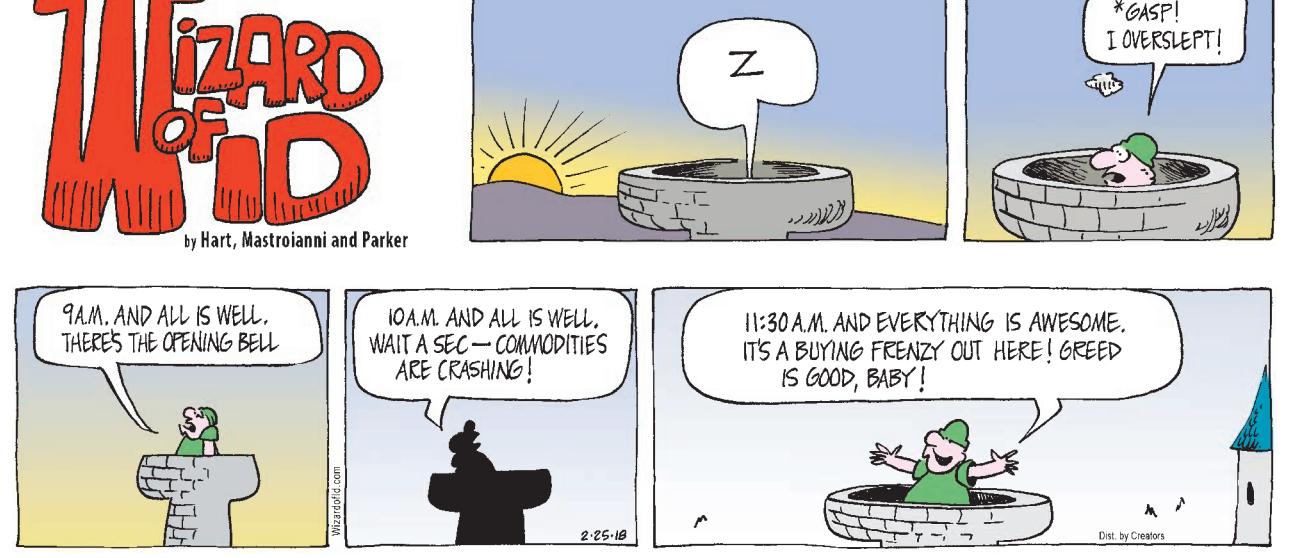
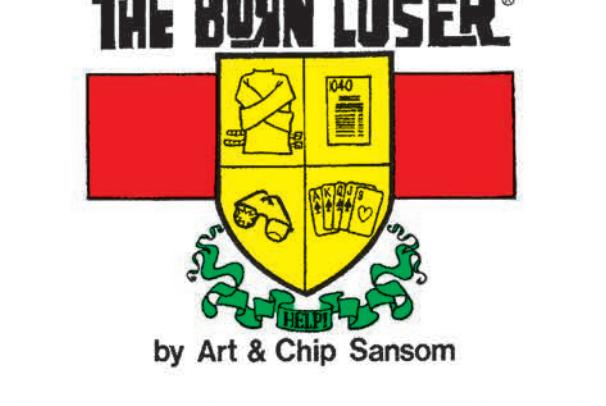
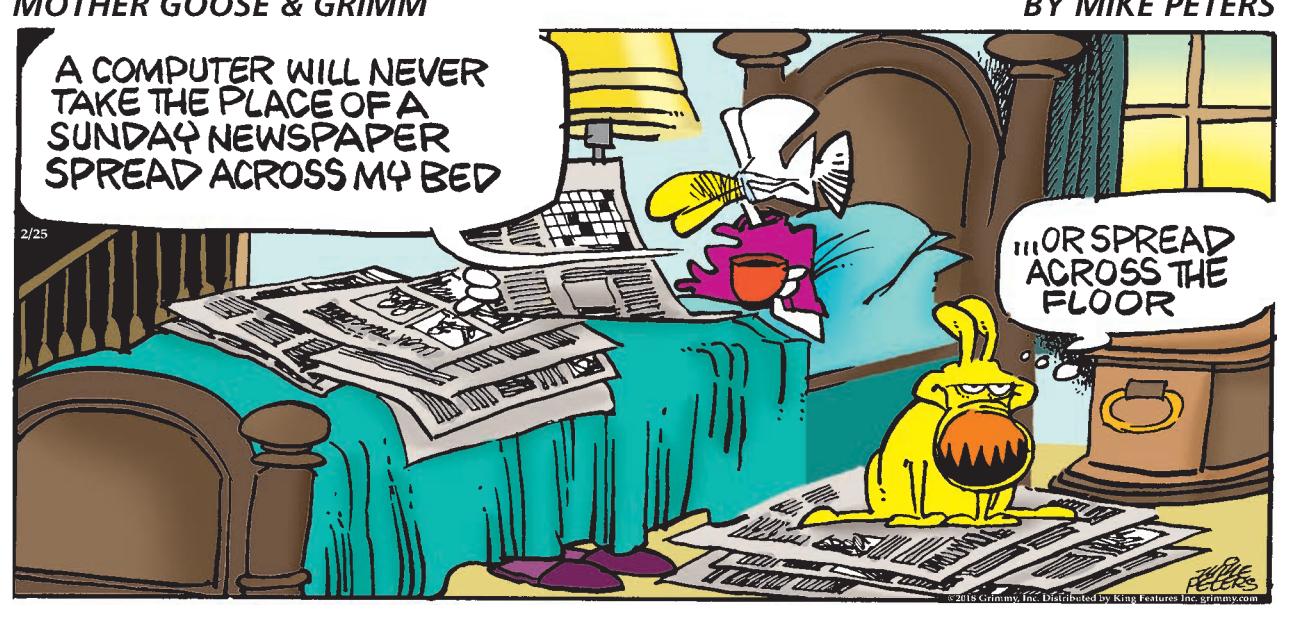
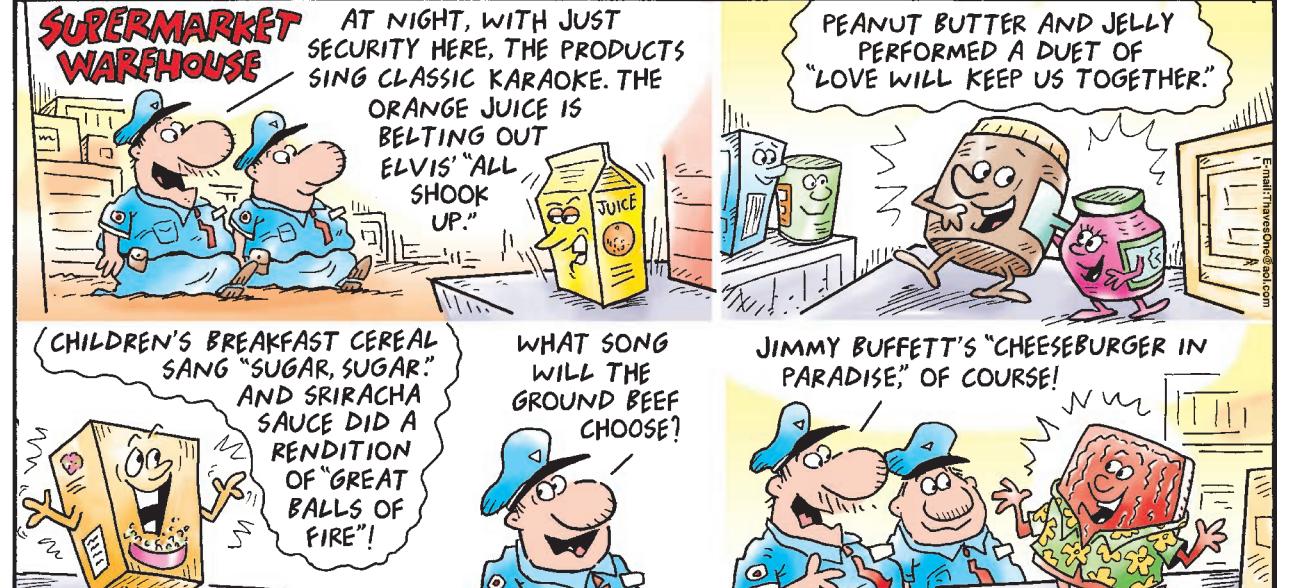
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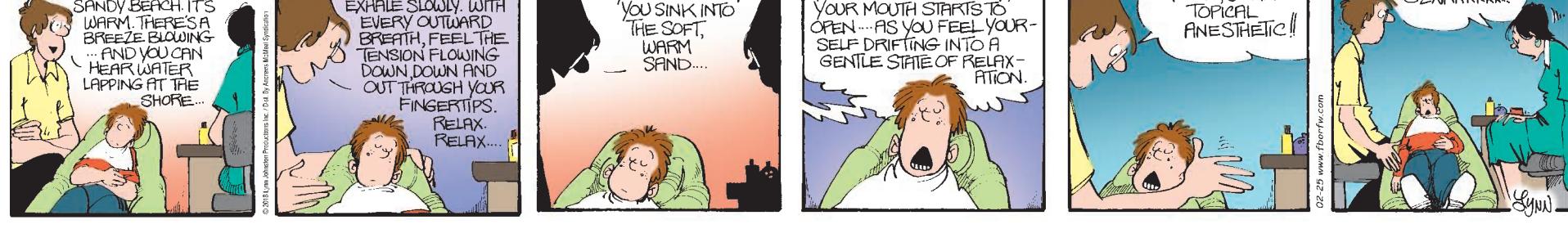
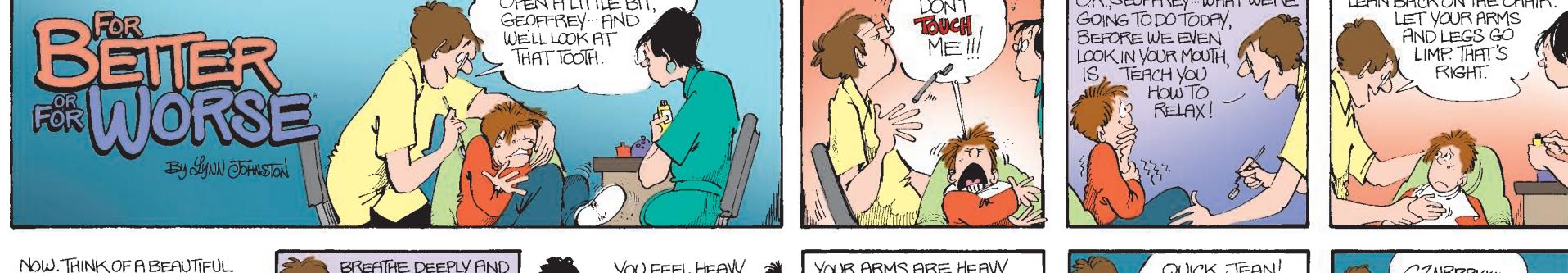
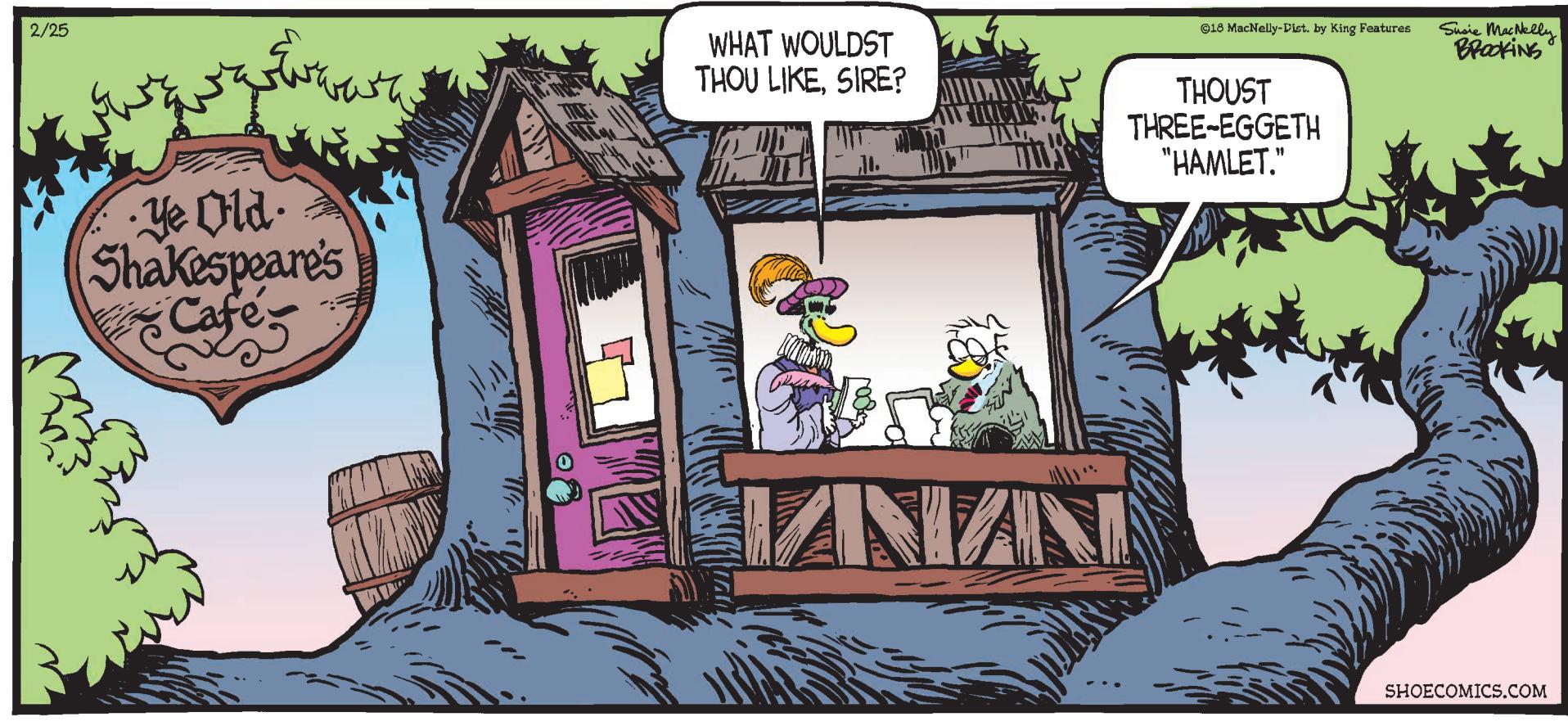




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