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2 schools could close

Finance committee recommends shuttering doors

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The Sumter School Board Finance Committee voted unanimously Friday to recommend to the full board of trustees to close two schools at the end of this school year in the wake of the district's financial crisis. Those schools are F.J. DeLaine Elementary School and Mayewood Middle School.

The committee made its recommendation to the board at the con-

clusion of its monthly meeting Friday at the district office with the board's financial consultant, Scott Allan. The board of trustees will now address the committee's recommendation at its next meeting, which is set for Monday at 6 p.m. It's uncertain what action, if any, the board will take.

The finance committee consists of four local private-business owners and three board members. Three of the business leaders were present Friday including Greg Thompson of Thompson Construc-

tion Group, William Byrd of William Levan Byrd, CPA, PC, and Ben Griffith of State Farm Insurance. The fourth business leader, Bobby Anderson, was not present.

School board chairman and committee member the Rev. Daryl McGhaney was also absent. He had informed Superintendent Frank Baker beforehand that he had a meeting obligation in Columbia on Friday, but he did speak with *The Sumter Item*

Chairman McGhaney wants more details

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In response to Friday's Sumter School Board of Trustees Finance Committee recommendation to accept a financial consultant's proposal to close two low-enrollment schools, the board's chairman says he's unsure board members will take action at their Monday work session.

Board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney made his comments Friday evening to *The Sumter Item* after learning of the committee's

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Community gathers to celebrate Earth Day

Swan Lake hosts festivities focusing on environment

BY KASEY MEREDITH
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Swan Lake-Iris Gardens was bustling with people from all walks of life on Saturday for Earth Day festivities.

For some, like Nichole Head, this year's Earth Day festival was a first.

"I would come again," said Head. "It's something for the kids to do, and the Walmart stand gives away free plants."

Head, a Sumter resident, came with her mother and kids to see her daughter, Kay-dence Baxley, perform with the Pocalla Springs Elementary School chorus.

Madison Cox was there for Earth Day for the first time.

"I come a lot to see the lights during the winter," said Cox. "It's some of my most cherished memories of Sumter."

Cox said she'll try to keep her flower that she got from



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SEE DAY, PAGE A12 Pocalla Springs Elementary School performed "Shake, Rattle and Roll" with choreography at the Swan Lake-Iris Gardens Earth Day celebration.

Missing person case still baffling after 17 years; new clues sought

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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In its continued effort to work with local authorities to possibly bring up new information regarding unsolved cases, The Sumter Item has researched the missing person's case of Theresa Dianne Shannon who was last seen driving from Lugoff to her home in Dalzell in her burgundy two-door 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass about 2:30 p.m. on



Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999.

Almost from the start of the search for Shannon, called Dianne by those close to her, investigators with Sumter County Sheriff's Office suspected foul play because she went missing at a time when things in her life seemed to be going well.



SHANNON

Feb. 15.

On Feb. 16, Doris Reid, Shannon's mother, reported her daughter miss-

Shannon went missing a few days before she was supposed to make an appearance at Kershaw County Family Court on Feb. 10 to receive a property settlement from her divorce. She also missed her mother's wedding on

ing because she thought it was out of character for Shannon to miss her wedding without calling ahead of time.

Investigators also thought it was strange that nothing seemed to be out of place inside of Shannon's house in the 2600 block of Thomas Sumter Highway.

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Teacher Appreciation Event goes off well for all

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A yearly gathering that has become a “win-win” for the local community went off well again Thursday night with Community Broadcasters’ annual Teacher Appreciation Event, according to many in attendance.

The popular event, hosted by the radio station company, brings together local businesses who get to say a heart-felt “thank you” to area teachers for their hard work and dedication, while also allowing them the opportunity to market their products and services to a large crowd.

About 300 teachers were on hand Thursday for the event at University of South Carolina Sumter’s Nettles Gymnasium. Public and private school teachers from Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties were invited to attend, as well as professors and instructors from the area’s colleges.

The teachers mingled with the business representatives, who each had a vendor booth with product displays. Teachers also had the opportunity to register for door prizes from each booth. Free refreshments were also provided by some businesses,



BRUCE MILLS / THE SUMTER ITEM

From left, Millwood Elementary School teacher Elizabeth Roach and Kingsbury Elementary’s Louise Robinson take in information from Mary Kay consultant Allison Hines on Thursday night at Community Broadcasters’ Teacher Appreciation Event at University of South Carolina Sumter. Hines also serves as assistant principal at Bates Middle School.

and Community Broadcasters gave away some gifts as well. According to officials, about 20 businesses were represented Thursday night.

Cassandra Davis, a teacher at Sumter Career and Technology Center, has attended the annual gathering for many years and enjoys it. “I like the fact that differ-

ent vendors come out and support us as teachers, and they give back, and I appreciate it greatly,” Davis said.

For Jennifer Russell, of Sweet & Unique Catering/ Rentals in Pinewood, the event allows her to say thanks to area teachers and also market her small business. “I think tonight is a really

good opportunity to outreach to a lot of people in Sumter and to also show our appreciation to teachers and what they do for us, through our children,” Russell said.

The presenting sponsor for Thursday’s event was Palmetto Health Tuomey, and the supporting sponsor was SAFE Federal Credit Union.

Sumter Teachers of the Year

Thursday’s event also allowed Sumter School District to say another “thank you” and provide final recognition for its schools’ teachers of the year for this academic year.

They are:

- Alice Drive Elementary - Brittni Buitureira
- Cherryvale Elementary - Nickie Massey
- Crosswell Drive Elementary - Stephanie Sims
- High Hills Elementary - Rebecca Griffin
- Kingsbury Elementary - Michelle Snyder
- Lemira Elementary - LaCharles Harris
- Manchester Elementary - Jennifer Geddings
- Millwood Elementary - Rebecca Osteen
- Oakland Primary - Jessica L. Greene
- Pocalla Springs Elementary - Lawonda Wheeler
- R.E. Davis Elementary - Kimberly Singleton
- Rafting Creek Elementary - Ureka D. Hilton
- Shaw Heights Elementary - Jacqui Wither-spoon
- Wilder Elementary - Jennifer Hoffman
- Willow Drive Elementary - Tiffany L. Marshall
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- Sumter Career and Technology Center - Larry Culick

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Group hosts business networking event

The organization Our Brother’s Keeper Society for the Poor and Disadvantaged will host a business networking event from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1, at Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St. The event, billed as a business after hours, is designed to build relationships between the organization and the business community.

The free event will include food and drinks as well as door prizes. To RSVP for the event, call (803) 775-2855 or email obkspad@hotmail.com.

For more information, contact event coordinator LaVetta Hood at (703) 597-8338.

Meeting to outline intersection upgrade

Sumter Urban Area Planning Committee will hold a public information meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25, concerning intersection improvements at Pinewood and McCrays Mill roads in City Centre, 21 N. Main St.

For more information, call Allen Yu at (803) 774-1612 or Joe Sturm at (803) 737-0137.

CORRECTIONS

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

Drop off unused medication at sheriff’s office

FROM STAFF REPORTS

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Sumter County Sheriff’s Office and Sumter Police Department will collect unused and unwanted prescription drugs during Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

The nationally recognized day reminds people to properly dispose of unused prescription medication so that it is not abused, stolen or flushed down a drain, which could contaminate water

systems and the environment. The common method of flushing prescription medication down the drain or throwing medication in the trash poses potential safety and health hazards, states a news release from the sheriff’s office.

The release states that a majority of prescription drugs that are abused are obtained from family and friends, and the rates of prescription drug abuse across the country have increased, as have the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses.

People can drop off unused pills and patches at the sheriff’s office, 1281 N. Main St., and the police department, 107 E. Hampton Ave., to be picked up and properly disposed of by Drug Enforcement Administration. DEA will not accept liquids, needles or other sharp items, states the release.

The service is free and anonymous. For more information, call Sumter County Sheriff’s Office at (803) 436-2000 or Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Pair arrested in connection with attempted robbery

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter Police Department arrested an 18-year-old Sumter man and a juvenile girl following an attempted robbery of a driver of a delivery truck at a local Waffle House on Thursday morning.

According to a news release from Sumter Police Department, a 37-year-old was

preparing to make a delivery at Waffle House, 1350 Broad St., at about 6 a.m. Thursday.

While in the parking lot, he noticed an individual walk past and heard someone enter the delivery truck. The release states the alleged robber pointed a gun at the victim and demanded money before the two began a brief scuffle. The suspect fled on

foot before getting into a nearby vehicle and leaving.

No money or goods were taken during the attempted robbery.

Later Thursday afternoon, officers located the vehicle described in the incident before locating the suspects. The firearm allegedly used in the incident was also located. Donta Malik Dowe, 18, of

4100 Broad St., Lot 114, is charged with attempted armed robbery and faces an additional charge of possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

A 16-year-old, whose name is not being released because of her age, is charged with accessory after the fact and was taken to a state Department of Juvenile Justice facility.

Unemployment rates down in tri-county area; state rate unchanged

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina’s jobless rate has remained unchanged.

The Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that South Carolina’s unemployment rate in March held steady at 4.4 percent.

Locally, the unemployment rate in Sumter fell from 5.5 in February to 4.9 percent in March, and down from 6.0 percent in March 2016. In Clarendon County, the unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in February, as compared to 5.4

percent in March. That number is down from 6.8 percent in March 2016.

In Lee County, the unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in February and 5.6 percent in March, down from 7.4 percent in March 2016.



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‘Homegrown’ concert will benefit music ministry

BY IVY MOORE
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Kipper Ackerman remembers very clearly the first time she took her harp to then-Tuomey Regional Medical Center to play for patients. It was at the suggestion of her husband, Curt, who will sing and play guitar with her during the third Sounds of Grace benefit concert Thursday night at Sumter Opera House. They’ll share the stage with several other musicians in the two-hour concert titled “Homegrown.”

Music is at the heart of Sounds of Grace, and Thursday’s concert offers some of the area’s most talented musicians the opportunity to play for an audience while contributing to the music ministry.

Ackerman recalled that her first experience playing in the oncology unit at Tuomey taught her a valuable lesson.

“I learned that I need to enter the patient’s room before my harp,” she said. “When I pushed my harp into the room first, the patient said, ‘Oh, I didn’t expect you so soon.’ I told her, ‘No, ma’am, I’m just a sinner who plays the harp.’”

Later on, when the patient was in the process of dying, and Ackerman was playing, “she woke up and talked with her family. She’d thought she was in heaven. It was a very special moment.”

The Sounds of Grace started with that patient, Ackerman said. “I got my understanding of what this ministry is all about from her.”

She also saw the soothing effect on family members and hospital staff.

Ackerman now plays for local special-needs students, at hospices, healthcare facilities “and other locations where there is a need,” she said.

Sounds of Grace became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit about five years ago because,



MELISSA WISEMAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Curt and Kipper Ackerman share a humorous moment while rehearsing for Thursday’s benefit concert for Sounds of Grace, Kipper’s music ministry. Money raised is used for repair and maintenance of her 88-pound pedal harp, which she plays in several settings to soothe the ill in various locations, with special-needs students, at hospices and other places where people need to find peace.

although Ackerman does not charge, maintenance and repairs to her large pedal harp and traveling with it are very expensive.

Money raised by Thursday’s concert will be used to defray those expenses.

Homegrown was chosen as the title for the presentation, Ackerman said, because the performers have connections to Sumter.

The duo of Tripp Boykin and Dr. Mark Mitchiner, an educator and a doctor, both play in the popular band Chief Complaint; however, Ackerman said they, and all the other musicians, volunteered their “time and talents” to the cause.

Boykin, who is assistant principal at Laurence Manning Academy, said he and Mitchiner, a pediatrician, consider it a privilege to be a part of the concert each year.

“The first show we played hooked us,” Boykin said. “The talented musicians

from our community are nothing short of inspiring and exciting.”

He added that “helping to raise funds in support of the incredible Sounds of Grace ministry is even better.”

Ackerman said the concert will also salute “our military that do not get to come home. A representative of Shaw Air Force Base will speak on how Shaw is an integral part of our hometown and how important it is to us. He’ll speak on how the military feels so much at home here.”

Ackerman will share “a couple of stories about the special patients I’ve met at the hospital.”

She’ll also have copies of her book, “From My Harp,” available, and a limited number of T-shirts will be available for \$15 each.

Performers at the Homegrown concert will include Hank Martin, who wrote “South Carolina on My Mind,” which became the of-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Kipper Ackerman plays at a previous Sounds of Grace benefit.

ficial state song in 1984, as well as the anthem “Sumter is My Sweet Home,” which he’ll sing.

Ackerman’s father, Hank Edens, will sing “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked,” which he found in a trunk on a 100-year-old piece of sheet music with his grandmother’s name on it.

Other performers include trumpet player Jon Hopkins,

Sonny Jones, Jock Hendricks, Mackenzie Bishop, cellist Michael Baier and violinist Christi Brownlow.

A wide variety of music, featuring songs by such vocalists as Jimmy Buffett, Norah Jones, Eva Cassidy, Louis Armstrong, Black Crowes and others, are on the program. The audience will hear such songs as Gordon Lightfoot’s “In the early morning rain,” Sam Cooke’s “Change Is Gonna Come,” Josh Turner’s “Long Black Train” and many more.

The concert will end with Zak Brown Band’s “Homegrown,” which contains the lyrics:

“ ... Live in a small town where it feels like home
I’ve got everything I need and nothing that I don’t. ... ”

Sounds of Grace will present “Homegrown,” a benefit for its music ministry featuring local musicians, at 7 p.m. Thursday at Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at www.sumteroperahouse.com and Olive Tree bookstore, 600 Bultman Drive, or at the door.

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A 32-inch Vizio flat-screen TV valued at \$500 and approximately \$3,000 in jewelry — a gold necklace with the name Julie engraved in Arabic on the back of a pendant, various pieces of jewelry with the initials JPM, bracelets, earrings and gold chains — were reportedly stolen from a residence in

the 2600 block of McCoy Road, Mayesville, on Tuesday.
A blue Yamaha Banshee ATV valued at \$2,000 was reportedly stolen while it was parked at a residence in the 6600 block of Spring Hill Road, Rembert, between 1 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.
A blue 32-caliber Rossi pis-

tol valued at \$225 was reportedly stolen from a residence in the 1900 block of Nettles Road between 8 a.m. and noon on Wednesday.
DAMAGED PROPERTY
Approximately \$1,000 in damage was caused to a gray 2005 Dodge Neon when the suspect allegedly rammed into the front of the vehicle with a black four-door Saturn, unknown model, according to an incident report from Sumter

Police Department. The victim told officers that the suspect was “very intoxicated” and had children inside her vehicle when she rammed into his vehicle and left the area, according to the report. Also, the tires of the victim’s vehicle were reportedly slashed by the suspect.
Approximately \$500 in damage was caused to a white 2003 GMC Yukon XL, and \$700 in damage was caused to a gray Lincoln MKZ when

multiple windows of both vehicles were shot into while the vehicles were parked on Ingleswood Drive about 6:15 a.m. on Thursday.
Approximately \$1,080 in damage was caused to a GE washer and dryer, a chest of drawers and a hairdryer when the items were thrown into the yard at a residence in the 100 block of Milton Street between 1:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Restored Forbes yacht ready for waters of Lake Greenwood

BY ADAM BENSON
The Index-Journal of Greenwood

GREENWOOD — Marvin “Buck” Griffin Jr. has always been a tinkerer with big ideas. So it didn’t come as a surprise to his friends or his wife, Jean, when in the summer of 2015 a 40-foot-long, 19,000-pound Chris-Craft yacht ended up in a large warehouse behind his Greenwood home. The vessel, built in 1949, once belonged to business mogul Malcolm Forbes. Griffin found it on the internet for \$100 in Ithaca, New York. “I just called a hauling company and told them to bring it down, and that was \$3,700. I got less in this than most people got in a bass boat,” Griffin said. A photograph of the boat, which Forbes called “Wings,” is included in his biography. Griffin plans to have the yacht, now christened “Pearl,” ready for the waters of Lake Greenwood by July 4. He prefers showing the boat rather than talking about it. When a reporter asked him to explain his two-year renovation project, his answers comes back quickly. “Come on up here and look at the kitchen,” Griffin said, already scaling a small ladder into the hull. “I went out to the Goodwill store and I bought some cabinets, about seven or eight of them, and I didn’t know they were going to fit that good.” They’re slotted snugly into a frame that Griffin built — one of several small modifications he made. Originally, the boat’s front-facing windows were made of glass and didn’t open. Griffin popped them out with ones on a hinge so the lake air can come in. Griffin wants to pair “Pearl” with a 34-foot-long Chris-Craft from 1955 he’s also refurbish-

ing, bringing his own Baby Boomer flotilla to the lake. “I have built boats all my life,” he said. Forbes’ owned a more well-known yacht: The Highlander. It was built for Forbes, then editor-in-chief of Forbes Magazine, in 1986. The 161-foot yacht was updated in 2014 and is available for chartered cruises. But Griffin fell in love with the simple but sleek design of Forbes’ more modest conveyance. “I just think it’s a pretty boat,” Griffin said. With no plans to install modern technology, such GPS navigation, the airy cabin can comfortably seat eight people. Griffin, who ran the Greenwood County Airport from 1980 through 1993, has a passion for all things mechanical. He also owns a 1922 Model T that belonged to the infamous Leroy Jenkins — a Greenwood native and televangelist sentenced to 12 years in prison after being convicted of assault and arson in 1979. Griffin spent \$6,000 on new chrome fixtures but kept the original curtains, which are now a faded blue and white. “It’s going to be a lot of fun on the lake. I’m gonna put some bow bunnies on it,” Griffin said. Once it is on the water, Griffin said he wants curious on-lookers to climb aboard to take photos.

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Black Cowboy Festival is back

Revisit the old homestead at Greenfield Farms

BLACK COWBOY
FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 4
10 a.m. — Agricultural workshops, demonstrations, more; donations accepted
11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Ms. Lillie's oxtail dinners
6 p.m. — Fish fry; \$10

Friday, May 5
8 a.m. — Breakfast
10:30 a.m. — Trail ride
11 a.m.- 2 p.m. — Ms. Lillie's oxtail dinners
7 p.m. — Western dinner dance. Call for tickets, (803) 499-9658

Saturday, May 6
10 a.m.- 6 p.m.: All day activities for the whole family. Ages 13 through adult, \$20/12 and under \$8/4 and younger, free. Call 499-9658 for group and special needs rates.
10:30 a.m. — Opening ceremonies, Cowboys on Parade
11 a.m.-1 p.m. GOSPEL SHOW in Main Tent with: McClary Singers of Kingstree; Gospel Caravans of Sumter; Sammie Dennis of Camden; the Spiritualettes

HORSE EVENTS
11:30 a.m. — Youth Quarter Horse Competition, Main Arena
Youth exhibition, historical presentation
12:30 p.m. — Gaited horse show and competition

HOMESTEAD AREA
Noon and 2:30 p.m. — Carolyn Evans as Harriet Tubman
Ms. Lillie's home-cooked chitlins, greens cornbread, rooster stew, pigs' feet, sweet potato pie

ENTERTAINMENT
1:30 p.m. — Hip-hop artist 2RU3, Main Tent
1:30 p.m. — Tribute to the Buffalo Soldier by Trooper Mark Myers, 9th & 10th Cavalry
2 p.m. — Riding exhibition, Tommy and Angela Frederick
3 p.m. — Reining horse, Richard Fisher, arena
3:30 p.m. — Cowgirl riding, Zyarriah Myers, arena
4 p.m. — Cowboy monologue, Mark Myers, arena
Raffle drawing and gate prize

RODEO EVENTS
4:30 p.m. — Quarter horse competition, main arena

AFTER BASH
8:30 p.m. — Motown Jam Show and Disco, \$10

Sunday, May 7
10:30 a.m. — Gospel service and brunch, \$10 donation

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Greenfield Farms owners Sandra and Mark Myers will present their annual Black Cowboy Festival May 4 through 7 at Greenfield Farms near Rembert. It's the 21st year of the festival that is part of the fulfillment of a long held dream to own the farm Sandra's parents sharecropped when she was a child.



The Buffalo Soldiers participate each year in the Black Cowboy Festival at Greenfield Farms near Rembert, often leading the Parade of Cowboys. Mark Myers, who owns the farm with his wife Sandra, is a trooper with the Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th cavalry.

formative presentation will provide a foundation for more research.

As with past festivals, the 21st will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday — May 4 this year — with educational workshops on agriculture from the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) and the SCDA (South Carolina Department of Agriculture). Marsha Hewitt of SCDA will give a presentation titled "Horse Industry Generates Revenue." Thursday presentations will continue with a self-reliance workshop, storytelling, a Buffalo Soldiers presentation and Carolyn Evans' reenactment of abolitionist and

The Meyerses acquired that land in 1991, established Greenfield Farms, and soon after, Mark and Sandra realized that young people in the community had never seen a black family that had horses. After much research, Mark found that not only were there black cowboys, they played a very important role in settling the Old West. Over the past 20 years, the Meyerses have presented the Black Cowboy — Man or Myth? — festival as an opportunity for guests, especially young people, to do their own research into the culture and history of African-American history. At 4 p.m. Saturday, Mark Myers will present his annual Cowboy Monologue in the farm's arena. The educational and in-



Seirea Duckett and Quincy Robinson help Carolyn Evans tell a living history lesson during Black Cowboy Days.

humanitarian Harriet Tubman, perhaps the greatest "conductor" on the Underground Railroad. While there is no fee for the day's activities, donations will be accepted.

At 6 p.m. that night, the traditional Fish Fry will be held, with tickets on sale for \$10. Call (803) 499-9658 for tickets.

Sandra Myers said she's excited to have Evans back for the festival.

"She doesn't just act," Myers said, "she *becomes* Harriet Tubman," interacting with festival goers.

Friday begins with a traditional cowboy breakfast, followed by a cowboy trail ride and a line dance class at noon. The evening brings one of the festival's most popular features, the Western Dinner Dance. Those attending can choose a steak or roasted chicken dinner with all the traditional side dishes. Music will be provided by Natural Desire Band and Show from Columbia.

"There are only a few tickets remaining," Myers said, "and people must call for reservations — (803) 499-9658. Tickets are limited."

Events will go on all day on Saturday, she said. Admission on Saturday will be \$20 for those 13 years old and older; \$8 for those 5 to 12, and free for those 4 and younger. Parking fee is \$2 per vehicle.

Following Saturday's opening ceremonies at 10 a.m., activities will continue until 6 p.m. with a number of horse events, including a show and some rodeo competitions and demonstrations.

Harold Miller and Richard Fisher will demonstrate their horses' (and their own) skills. Fisher's "reining" horse, Myers said, "turns really fast, almost like a cutting horse, a working horse. It's in the quarter horse family and will turn on a dime on its back legs. It's like a rodeo demonstration."

On the other hand, but also in the rodeo line, are Miller's "bucking broncos, which he'll be showing and demonstrating," she said.

In the Homestead area, Ms. Lillie, Myers' mother, will again be cooking and serving some classic foods from the farm, including chitterlings, rice, greens, cornbread, cracklin's, rooster stew, pigs' feet and sweet potato pie.

Myers reminded festival goers to visit the barn area "to see documentaries on the Black West and other historical information and items all day.

There will also be hayrides and horseback rides and entertainment for the kids, including a bounce house," she said.

The evening's Motown Jam and Show will feature music by the Gentlemen of Distinction, who'll represent the Temptations and other male groups, and Dynasty DJ, who'll sing songs by such Motown girl groups as the Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas and others. Admission is \$10.

As always, the festival concludes Sunday with the 10:30 a.m. gospel service and brunch.

Sandra Myers said this year's festival will be the "finale. Not the end, but the finale."

To get to Greenfield Farms from Sumter, take Highway 521 North, cross Highway 441 and continue until the dual lane becomes single, then turn left onto Spencer Road and follow the signs to the farm.

See the complete schedule on this page.

Madison Kennedy rides "Shocker" during an exhibition at a previous Black Cowboy Festival.

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The African dance group Cultural Expressions performs.

For more information, visit blackcowboyleft.tripod.com the Black Cowboy Festival Facebook page or call (803) 499-9658. Call the same number for reservations for special events.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Joneses celebrate 60 years

Johnny and Dorcas Jones of Sumter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 6, 2017.

A reception was given in their honor on April 8, 2017, at the Mount Zion Enrichment Center by their four children and their spouses: Deborah and Issaac Jones of Houston; Monique and Tyrus Eugene Day of Far Rockaway, New York; Van Dyke Jones of Brooklyn, New York; and Adrienne Jones of Woodbridge, Virginia.

The couple has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jones is the former Dorcas Mae Smith of Pine-wood.



MR., MRS. JOHNNY JONES

Joneses celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Jones Jr. of the Ashwood community of Sumter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 23, 2017, at Middleton Plantation, Charleston.

A celebration weekend was given in their honor by their daughter, Tanya Jones Jennings and her husband, Scott E. Jennings, of Summerville.

The couple's son is the late Ernest Todd "Tex" Jones.

The couple has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Jones is the former Gwyn "Doll" Grant of Ashwood.



MR., MRS. ERNEST C. JONES JR.

WEDDING

Sharp-Amaker

CHARLESTON — Nancy Lee Sharp and Macdonald Rhodes Amaker were united in marriage Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Middleton Place in Charleston. The Rev. Jack Lawrence Bates officiated the 6 p.m. ceremony.

The bride, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Lee Sharp of Sumter. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walter Sharp of Sumter and the late Mr. and Mrs. Maynard J. Locke of Morrow, Georgia. She graduated from Wilson Hall in 2005 and from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications. She is employed as a public relations professional for Jackson Spalding in Atlanta.

The bridegroom, also a resident of Nashville, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Belton Amaker Jr. of Columbia. He is the grandson of Mr. Edward Macdonald DuBose and the late Elizabeth Jane DuBose of Sumter and the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Belton Amaker of Athens, Georgia. He is a 2006 graduate of Heathwood Hall, received a Bachelor of Science from Vanderbilt University in Human and Organizational Development and Financial Economics and is pursuing a Master of Management in Health Care at Vanderbilt

University. He is employed as a senior program manager in strategic development and advisory services at Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network in Nashville.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a blush, strapless gown overlaid in mesh organza applied with candlelight lace featuring a sweetheart neckline and elongated bodice, a modified trumpet skirt accentuated by covered buttons extending down the semi-cathedral-length train and finished with scalloped lace applique. Her cathedral veil flowed from a floral crown of blush ranunculus, blush astilbe, white spirea and seeded eucalyptus. She wore her great-grandmother's diamond watch and carried a hand-tied cascading bouquet of white O'hara garden roses, white peonies, peach ranunculus, white black-eye anemones, blush astilbe, white veronica and seeded eucalyptus.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mollie Sharp Cone. The bride's attendants were her cousin Catherine Powers Scarlett, Grace Blocker Aimar, Kenson Davenport Bates, Mary Elizabeth Bultman, Hannah Elizabeth Harrelson, Elizabeth Aimar Karabin, Haley Louise Keisler, Amanda Elizabeth Peters, Emmie Roddey Sawyer, Kathleen Welch Shaw and Tori Smith Torbett.



MRS. MACDONALD AMAKER

The bridegroom's brother Daniel Richardson Amaker served as best man. Grooms-men were the bridegroom's brother Mr. Belton DuBose Amaker, the bride's brother Christopher Dabney Sharp, Mr. Tyler Baldwin III, Mr. Alex Z. Brown, Mr. Dallas Simmons Cone IV, Mr. Alexander Zachary Litt, Mr. Montgomery Rush Morris, Mr. Stephen Frampton Morris, Mr. Samuel Thayer Panke, Mr. Tyler Johnston Pauli Smith and Mr. Jason Adam Stern.

Readers were Mary Claire Keane, Elizabeth Jongeward Panke and Mr. Williams McIver Bryan IV.

The bride's parents held the reception in the gardens of Middleton Place.

The bridegroom's parents held the rehearsal dinner at Cannon Green.

Following a wedding trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple will reside in Nashville.

EDUCATION NEWS



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From right, Water Environmental Federation President-Elect Jenny Hartfelder presents Central Carolina Technical College's Department Chair of Environmental and Natural Resources Joshua Castleberry and Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education Elizabeth Williams with a certificate of recognition.

Central Carolina Technical College

STUDENT CHAPTER ESTABLISHED

Recently at the S.C. Environmental Conference, Central Carolina Technical College was recognized for establishing the first Water Environment Federation Student Chapter in South Carolina. There are seven members in the WEF Student Chapter at CCTC.

WEF's Student Chapters are professional organizations for students with an interest in the environment or becoming more active in the water industry. Student chapters provide an avenue for the exchange of information and ideas between students, academics and members of the Water Environment Federation.

NEW PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

Central Carolina Technical College students can obtain a Patient Care Technician Certificate designed to prepare individuals for employment in entry-level health care positions. This certificate provides a foundation in safe basic patient care, phlebotomy, cardiac care, anatomy and physiology, health

care careers, communication, soft skills, health care technology and health care career pathways.

For more information regarding the Patient Care Technician Certificate, contact Mary Jo Ardis at (803) 778-6675 or ardismj@cctech.edu.

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Register now for summer or fall semester at Central Carolina Technical College. CCTC has an average job placement rate of 90 percent, and with more than 50 programs of study to choose from, you'll be sure to find your perfect fit. Regardless if you are interested in learning a skilled trade and moving straight into the workforce or transferring to a four-year college or university to continue your studies, CCTC delivers an affordable pathway to your success.

Summer classes start May 15, and fall classes start Aug. 22. For more information on enrollment, visit cctech.edu/how-to-enroll-5-easy-steps/ and to view the classes offered visit cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/. — Catherine M. Wood

Sumter School District

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION TEACHERS OF THE YEAR NAMED

Sumter Career and Technology Center teacher Laskia Gaines has been named the Air Force Association, Swamp Fox Chapter Teacher of the Year for grades nine-12. Robert Easley, a science teacher at Hillcrest Middle School, has been named the kindergarten through eighth-grade Teacher of the Year for the association. Both will be visited at their school by the local association.

According to its website, the Air Force Association thinks that recognizing those who educate America's youth is an important aspect of what the association is all about. AFA chapters nationwide work hard to ensure America's youth receive education in math and the sciences and that those who teach and support the educators are recognized.

The local award is designed to recognize exceptional performance in education at the local level and is a unique opportunity for local chapters to reward special teachers who further excellence and make coming to class an adventure.

Gaines is the mechatronics and STEM 10 teacher at Sumter Career and Technology Center. When nominating her for the award, Principal Shirrie Miller talked about her high level of expertise in her subject matter and her innovative ideas to attract females to the field of engineering.

Her description of Gaines said, in part, "Compassionate, caring, team player, innovative and courageous are all terms that describe and characterize Mrs. Gaines. Her work ethic and drive set standards for others to emulate. She is one of the finest professional and instructional leaders I have had the privilege to collaborate with in my years as an educator."

Easley teaches eighth-grade science at Hillcrest Middle School. In the letter of recommendation from Principal Tarsha Stagers, she discussed his 26-year career in the military. He began teaching immediately after his retirement and was chosen as one of 40 teachers in the state to participate in a Sprint NASA Climate Change course. He has worked with other district teachers to rewrite planning guides and lesson plans for the district. She said, "His background and achievements attest to his dedication, professionalism and ability to pass on to his students a love for learning and a desire to succeed."

Easley serves on the Teacher Advisory Council which meets monthly with Superintendent J. Frank Baker. Baker said Easley "is an integral, contributing member of the organization. At a recent meeting, he was helpful in supplying information regarding the August 2017 solar eclipse to assist the district in helping make an informed decision about student attendance that day."

In the letter to Baker, Air Force Association Swamp Fox Chapter President David "Bush" Hanson said, "I would like to congratulate each of your winners; they are both impressive teachers and a valuable asset to our community."

STAR TEACHER OF THE MONTH NAMED

Juanice McLaurin, a pre-kindergarten teacher at Crosswell Drive Elementary School, was named the Community Broadcasters' Star Teacher of the Month for April. She, along with Superintendent Baker and Ryan Booth, general manager of Staples and sponsor of the Star Teacher program, appeared on

the Good Morning Sumter show with host Derek Burress.

McLaurin was nominated by her students who made comments such as, "I love her because she holds my hand when I'm scared." "She taught me my colors and numbers." "She is my best friend."

SCIENCE P.L.U.S. TEACHERS SELECTED

Seven Sumter School District teachers have been selected to attend the 2017 Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center or its partner site at Clemson University.

Teachers selected and the classes they will attend are Alice Drive Middle School, Christal Tisdale, weather, sixth grade; R.E. Davis Elementary School, Ilona King-Wilson, landforms and oceans, fifth grade; Furman Middle School, Sandra Monroe, animals and plants, sixth grade; High Hills Elementary School, Rebecca Griffin, forces and motion fifth grade; Pleshette Kelly, special education, K-fifth grade; Manchester Elementary School, Erica Madsen, astronomy, fourth grade; and Sumter High School, Mario Ramon, ASM Teacher Materials Camp at Clemson University.

According to The Roper Mountain website, the institute is funded by an S.C. Education Improvement Act grant and gives intensive training in science teaching methods and activities to public school science teachers from throughout the state. In the institute's 25-year history, more than 4,500 public school science teachers have participated in Science P.L.U.S. classes. The courses for the 2017 Science P.L.U.S. Institute include 18 different one-week classes in weather, earth science, life science, space and physical science.

Classes are built around specific grade levels corresponding to S.C. Science Academic Standards for grades one-12 and encourage teachers to incorporate math and language arts skills into their science lessons and to look for opportunities to make science connections when teaching other disciplines. Each participant receives science materials and supplies to duplicate lessons learned. These materials extend the institute into the state's classrooms by empowering teachers with new tools

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for teaching science. New skills, enhanced content knowledge and tested ideas shared by other teachers enable Science P.L.U.S. participants to return to their classrooms with confidence and renewed enthusiasm for science instruction. S.C. EIA Funds are generated by the fifth penny of sales tax on each dollar. The Science P.L.U.S. Institute is only one of many programs throughout the state supported by these sales tax funds.

HEART WALK SATURDAY

The American Heart Walk is scheduled for Saturday at 9 a.m. The district office and all Sumter School District schools are raising money and participating in the event. It is not too late to donate to the cause. To do so, contact any school or the district office at (803) 469-6900, extension 103. — *Mary B. Sheridan*

University of South Carolina Sumter

4 SUMMER CAMPS OFFERED

The University of South Carolina Sumter is expanding summer camp options for students ages 9-14 beginning June 19 through June 30, 2017.

Typically, students have the option of attending a science and/or a writing camp on campus in the summer. This year, USC Sumter is offering a mock trial camp and a history camp in addition to the two traditional camp options.

“Write On!” writing camp with Leah Kiernan is June 19-23 from 9 a.m. to noon for students ages 9-14. Students will have the opportunity to participate in fun, interactive and independent writing exercises that explore the techniques of mystery writing, creative fiction, realistic narrative fiction and non-fiction. Students learn how to get started, how to “reel the reader in” and how to use the five senses to unlock the power of descriptive writing.

History camp, “From Sumter to Appomattox,” with Dr. David Decker is June 19-23 from 1 to 4 p.m. for students ages 9-14. This camp explores the strategies and military tactics of the Civil War through a hands-on, interactive experience. Students will learn about infantry, artillery and cavalry from a leading historian and active re-enactor.

“Mad About Science” Science Camp with Dr. Dan “The Science Man” Kiernan is June 26-30 from 9 a.m. to noon for students ages 9-14. In “Mad About Science,” students are introduced to human biology, environmental science, psychology, biochemistry and physics in fun and interactive ways. Participants conduct scientific experiments and explore firsthand the environment in which we live. USC professors from various disciplines will present as well as the Greenwood Genetic Center Mobile Science Lab.

Mock Trial with Dr. Damien Picariello is June 26-30 from 1 to 4 p.m. for students ages 9-14. In Mock Trial camp, participants explore the court system from the inside, acting as lawyers, judges, witnesses and jurors as they try their own court cases. It is a great opportunity to have fun while building valuable skills, including public speaking, logic, reasoning, reading and writing.

Associate professor of Eng-

lish Dr. Ray McManus organized the “Summer Scholar Series” in hopes of attracting young students to the campus. Students may participate in one or multiple camps. Lunch is included if a student stays for two camps in the same week. Details about all of the camps, including a link for on-line registration and professor biographies, is located at www.uscsumter.edu/summer-camps-and-workshops.

For more information, contact one of the following: Fran Castleberry, (803) 938-3793; Susan Brabham, (803) 938-3795; or Dr. Ray McManus, (803) 938-3817. — *Misty Hatfield*

Wilson Hall

STUDENTS TRAVEL TO FRANCE

Scott Warren, French teacher, escorted a group of students and parents to France for a 10-day trip during spring break. The group spent four days in Paris, where they enjoyed a walking tour of the city and visited many points of interest including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Champs-Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. The group also took a side trip to Versailles. After leaving Paris, the group traveled by train to Provence, where it spent three days. Highlights included touring Avignon, the Papal Palace, Nimes and the Pont du Gard. The trip concluded with a two-day stay on the French Riviera during which time the group visited Eze, Monaco and Nice.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of March 31, 96 percent of the 56 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling more than \$3.1 million to a four-year college or university.

The following is a partial list of scholarship recipients compiled from information submitted to the college counselor, Diane Richardson. Anderson University offered a Denmark Scholarship and a Provost Scholarship to Natalie Ardis, a Founders Scholarship to Emily DuRant and a Baptist Scholarship to Caroline Kimbrell.

Clemson University offered an academic scholarship to Banks Burns, Sean Jackson, James Munford and Maggie Segars. Winthrop University offered a Blue Line Scholarship to Natalie Ardis and Madeleine Maury Shuler, and the University of South Carolina offered a Thornwell Scholars Award to Danny Dilts and a Scholars Award to James Munford. Woford College offered a Merit Scholarship to Ali Hilferty and a Bonner Scholarship to Patrick Muldrow, and The Citadel offered a Leadership Scholarship to Drew Reynolds. — *Sean Hoskins*

Thomas Sumter Academy

THIRD QUARTER HEAD OF SCHOOL HONORS

Head of School Honors recognizes those students who have an A average in all classes for the third quarter:

- First grade — Emily Arnold, Riley Carnes, Kason Carter, Kira Davis, Abby Hodge, Sadie Long, Wyatt Newman, Colby O’Connell, Jaydon Ray, Gabby Schrank, Skylar Spilker, Juli Tupper and Landon West;
- Second grade — Lillian Chmiel, Wini Eades, Paisley Hill, Emma Jackson, Emily Lindler, Jack McGary, Sophia Miranda and Taelor Stevens;
- Third grade — Anna Bell,

Isaiah Bright, Annabelle Broman, Benjamin Kessinger and Will Morris;

- Fourth grade — Reed Dollard, Brynna Nedderman and Diya Patel;
- Fifth grade — Connor Claus, Matthew Cross, Olivia Diller, Isabella Grudzinski and Asher Park;
- Sixth grade — Abby Cox, Jenene Grover, Annie Kessinger and Jordan Thorton;
- Seventh grade — Jacob Crowe, Libby Gore, Sammy Kessinger, Ally Moses, Logan Scruggs and Alex Vincent;
- Eighth grade — Sydney Kindsvater and Ethan Lisenby;
- Ninth grade — Graham Campbell, Ava Claus, Cameron Dixon, Joshua Fugate, Will Gurley, Callum O’Rourke and Maci Willetts;
- 10th grade — Bella Crowe, Sydney Daniel, Riley DeLavan, Kenzie MacQueen, Brianna Rudd and Aubrey Stoddard;
- 11th grade — Jana Marie Faircloth, Payton Houser, Allie Lindler, Marley McCormick, Connor Mouzon, Josie Reed, Carmen Silvester and Gray Thompson; and
- 12th grade — Josh Barnett, Ross Campbell, Devon Clements, Mason Crowson, Hannah Denithorne, Caroline Dollard, Haley Marie Fike, Devin Harwell, Lauren Jones, Samantha Kindsvater, Eric Lisenby, Logan Morris, Christopher Poythress, Tabitha Scruggs, Jacob Stewart and Bree Stoddard.

READING WITH GAMECOCKS PROGRAM

Thomas Sumter Academy’s lower and middle school students, along with other students in the state, were given the opportunity to participate in the Reading with the Gamecocks Program. Thomas Parrish, a TSA sixth-grader, was one of the highest readers in the state. Thomas read 4,632 pages in the given time and was recognized April 1 at the USC Lady Gamecocks softball game.

LOWER SCHOOL READING NIGHT AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Thomas Sumter Academy hosted Reading Night for K3 through second-graders and families and Trivia Night for third-graders and families on March 30. K3 through second-grade students and families were entertained by special readers as books came to life during Reading Night. Third-through fifth-grade students and families were challenged with questions during Trivia Night. — *BJ Reed*

Morris College

PRE-REGISTRATION

Morris College is holding open registration for the upcoming summer and fall enrollment. Contact the Office of Admissions and Records for more information at (866) 853-1345 — *Anika Cobb*

Clarendon School District 1

3RD NINE WEEKS AWARDS PRESENTED

Summerton Early Childhood Center First grade

- Principal’s Honor Roll — Fra’Jon Bennett, Jahari Junious, Kayce McCray, Naomi Nelson, Zacheaus Pearson, Alicia Pompey, Amani Reed, Drayvion Sampson, Camani Scott and Tamaria Scott;
- A/B Honor Roll — Tiyone Bannister, Mylaisha Gipson, Ryan Haynesworth, Sa’Nye Hilton, Termarionna Hilton, Aca-

cia Lawson, Taraji Lawson, Darnell Livingston, Demaurion McFadden, Kendal Ragin, Tegan Raymond, Malaysia Rhames, Gabrielle Simmons and Jaleel Williams; and

- B Honor Roll — Giuliana Baragona, Taliyah Issac, Ariyannah Mizell-Robinson, Mi’Kayla Moody, Ari Rendell, Yasmeen Simmons, Nicholas Westley, Isabella Williams and Kimora Wilson.
- Second grade**
 - Principal’s Honor Roll — Jaden Dixon, Aria Gibson, Majestic Hatcher, Quintin Jackson and Jalahn Pearson;
 - A/B Honor Roll — Zyhrieta Abraham, Daliyah Black, Davon Bowman, Nyren Bowman, Kaelyn Briggs, Malia Burgess, Kyliia Fulton, Mariah Holliday, Faraah James, Keith James, Kemaurion McConico, Tynisa McPhatter, Malcolm O’Brien, Danny Ragin, Taylor Sweat, Jamariah Taylor, Jaylin Tindal and Nylah Washington; and
 - B Honor Roll — Khloe Gipson.

St. Paul Elementary School

Third grade

- Principal’s Honor Roll — Saniya House, Peyton McCray, Victoria Oliver, Ricardo Perez-Gomez, Ja’Niya Smythe and Tyquan Williams;
- A-B Honor Roll — Jennifer Asijtutj-Osorio, Jada Bowman, Nylah Bradford, Ziaier Bryant, Emani Caldwell, Jamauri Caloway, Eric Dingle, Zarianah Frazier, Haniyah Griffin, Jo’Quell Jackson, TaQuan Junious, Koinyah Lawson, Jabari Lyles, Leland Mitchum, Ricardo Perez-Gomez, Sage Pusher, Ka’Layah Ragin, Tavaisha Scott, Ja’Niya Smythe, Angel Taylor-Stinney, Kaylee Tripp, Shania Weathers and Ny’Asia Williams.

Fourth grade

- Principal’s Honor Roll — Latyana Bowman, Makiah Evans, Danasiah Green, Kelis James, Charlesia Junious, Maria Russell, Jaheim Taylor, Cornelius Washington, Miracle Williams and Joseph Wright;
- A-B Honor Roll — Keymonty Brown, Key’Nyreia Butler, Marquis Coard, Janiah Gibson, Trinity Harris, Jayden Johnson, Ariyannah Junius, Sae’breylen Keaton, Antanique Lang, Javier Lawson, Harsh Patel, Natasha Perry, Katrease Pringle and Randy Williams;

Fifth grade

- Principal’s Honor Roll — Yaquelin Asijtutj-Osorio, Naci Brown, Zaniyah Bryant, Nathaniel Davis, Erik Elsen, Jamira Hickson and Madison Oliver;
 - A-B Honor Roll — Damikah Brown and Alexis Moorer.
- Sixth grade**
- Principal’s Honor Roll — Rosandra Bennett and Troy Busby;
 - A-B Honor Roll — Shidrea Bradshaw, Capri Ladson and Sariah Majette;
 - Perfect Attendance — Jennifer Asijtutj-Osorio, Rosandra Bennett, Latyanan Bowman, Nylah Bradford, Joel Briggs-Nelson, Shannell Brooks, Troy Busby, Nyciere Carter, Erica Dingle, Juan Dozier, Quiasha Evans, Latanza Hammett, Kelis James, Tyler Kind, Cornell Lang-Green, Javier Lawson,

Tyanna McPhatter, De’Aja Moody, Alexis Moorer, Jada Myers, Jayla O’Brien, Janine Pearson, Katrese Pringle, Myeshia Ragin, Tianna Ragin, Torry Ragin, Ja’saiya Sexton, Evonta Simmons, Ezora Singleton, Brendon Smith, Emoni Sinkler, Tiara Starks, Nythashia Syms, Mya Tindal, Cornelius Washington, Desane Washington, Jatavia Watson, Zakariya Watson, Jimmy Weeks, Alexis Williams and Randy Williams; and

- Citizenship — Travontae Adams, Nivea Austin, Troy Busby, Juan Dozier, Erik Elsen, Janiah Gibson, JoQuell Jackson, Jordan Kind, Saige Ladson, Destiny Thames and Tajuana Thames.

Scott’s Branch Middle School

Seventh grade

- Principal’s List — Shanna Middleton;
- A/B Honor Roll — Brikell Livingston and Zaakee Rendell.

Eighth grade

- Principal’s List — Bre Aunna Bozier;
- A/B Honor Roll — Ja’Niya Carter, Corena Dingle, Keaira Dukes, Rashon Green, Zoe Morrow, Niti Patel, Julius Ragin, Jada Riley and Oshare-indai Wiggins.

Scott’s Branch High School

Ninth grade

- Principal’s List — Tayonna Brailsford, Shateeka Brunson, Aaliyah Butler-Brown and Teja Madison;
- A/B Honor Roll — Jazlyn Bowman, T’Ziah Daniels, Shakeriah Dow, Tyleesia Gibson, Rickia Grant, Tetia Hilliard, Amber Johnson, Dante Jones, Tyjuan Junious, Shareef Mimms, Shakerra Phillips and Cierra Tevis.

10th grade

- Principal’s List — Amonte Brown, Deondre Brunson, Jordan Caldwell, Faith Lawson, Tonia Lawson, Nyreasia Lesesne, Sarah Middleton and Gabriel Oliver;

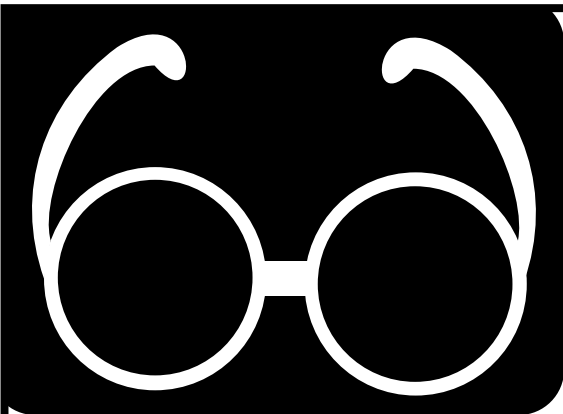
- A/B Honor Roll — Xavier Bennett, Alyssa Brailsford, Alexander Conyers, Letia Davis, Dae’Zhon Dingle, Ronyaih Frierson, Iezanniah Gibson, Anaiya Jackson, Xa’Maquia Jackson, Adriannah Johnson, Kadryian Johnson, Destiny Junious, Mikera Livingston, Chaniya Monroe, Christaine Oliver, Britney Sierra, Schuyler Turner, David Way, Mary Wimberly and Nyah Wright.

11th grade

- Principal’s List — Devin Brown, Jamal Carter, Shaniya Holliday, Zhailin Johnson, Robert Matterson, Mercedes Oliver and Vaquan Wilder; and
- A/B Honor Roll — Tyquarius Brown, Daisha Johnson, Tyrease Riley, Diondra Seaberry, Faybian Session, Keion Stukes and Kianna Stukes.

12th grade

- Principal’s List — Jamesha Bannister, Shanyah Bowman, Montrell Brinson, Andre’ Brown, Adrianna Dingle, Kiara Georgia, Sky Harvin, Skylar Harvin, Tiara James, Tyrese Lawson, Tymir Tindal and Damien Wise; and
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PROPOSED PINWOOD ROAD (SC 120) @ MCCRAYS MILL ROAD (S-33)
INTERSECTION PROJECT
Sumter County

Public Information Meeting

Meeting:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has scheduled a public information meeting for Thursday, May 25, 2017, concerning proposed intersection improvements at SC 120 (Pinewood Road) and S-33 (McCrays Mill Road) located in Sumter County.

The meeting will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the City Centre located at 21 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150. The meeting will have a drop-in type format with displays for viewing and citizens will have the opportunity to provide written comments. Formal, verbal comments will not be taken during this meeting; however, in the future if an official Public Hearing is held, citizens will have the opportunity to make formal, verbal comments. Project information, including meeting materials and comment forms will also be available on the SCDOT website (<http://www.scdot.org>, [Public Hearings Quicklink](#)).

Purpose:

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually with representatives from SCDOT the proposed improvements for the intersection of Pinewood Road and McCrays Mill Road. These improvements are intended to improve the safety of the intersection. Another purpose of the meeting is to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area. Personnel from SCDOT will be available to answer questions and discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis.

Contact:

Additional information concerning the project may be obtained by contacting Joe Sturm, SCDOT Program Manager at 803.737.0137, or at SturmJP@scdot.org. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Ms. Betty Gray at 803-737-1395.



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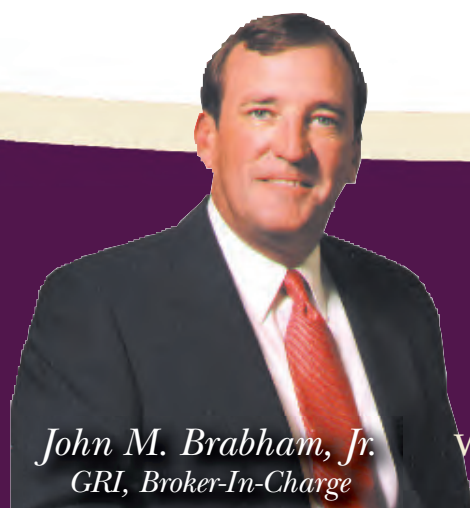


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7 Acres \$560,000
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3.25 Acres \$500,000
MLS/ID: 131814

3016 Broad St.
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Investment
18.26 Acres \$999,900
MLS/ID: 130564

530 Brushwood
Suitable Use: Commercial/Business,
Office
1.49 Acres \$125,000
MLS/ID: 126880

748 Bultman Dr.
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MLS/ID: 128601

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MLS/ID: 131407

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MLS/ID: 115596

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2.31 Acres \$325,000
MLS/ID: 131584

3277 Broad
Suitable Use: Retail, Office
0.8 Acres \$175,000
MLS/ID: 131585

19 & 21 N. Harvin St
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520SQFT \$240,000
MLS/ID: 119370

1410 Highway 15 South
Suitable Use: Retail, Automotive Service
6.03 Acres \$175,000
MLS/ID: 128052

8 Law Range
Suitable Use: Office, Professional Service
2393SQFT \$160,950
MLS/ID: 128708

455 N. Guignard Dr.
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2597SQFT \$250,000
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138 N. Main St. #144
Suitable Use: Retail
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MLS/ID: 120077

351 Neeley St.
Suitable Use: Wholesale
4.47 Acres \$155,000
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2635 Peach Orchard Rd.
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Professional Service,
Automotive Service, Beauty/
Barber Shop
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MLS/ID: 130879

2381 Peach Orchard Rd.
Suitable Use: Office, Business/
Professional Service
2600SQFT \$175,000
MLS/ID: 130999

425 South Guignard
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6.1 Acres \$210,000
MLS/ID: 123558

21 W. Calhoun St.
Suitable Use: Business/Professional Service
2331SQFT \$285,000
MLS/ID: 130982

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6303SQFT \$2,500
MLS/ID: 127406

3900 Camden Hwy
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Office 3500SQFT Storage \$500/month
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21 South Harvin
Professional Office Space
3474SQFT \$1,800/month

820 S. Pike West
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MLS/ID: 127404

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212 Broad Street
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Offices-1500SQFT, Warehouse-
3500SQFT
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Retail
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7755SQFT \$675 + \$50 CAM/month
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1200SQFT
\$875 + \$50 CAM/month
648 Bultman
Retail, Professional Service

652 Bultman
Retail, Professional Service
1500SQFT
\$855 +\$50 CAM/month

616 Bultman
Professional Service
1344SQFT \$950 + \$50 CAM/month
MLS/ID: 119757

540 Bultman
Retail, Professional Service
900SQFT \$650 + \$50 CAM/month
MLS/ID:119687

649 Bultman
Professional Service
1350SQFT
\$850 + \$50 CAM/month

Marketplace Shopping Center
1224 Alice Drive Unit C
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Market Place Shopping Center
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1.06 Acres \$29,900
Subdivision: Avondale MLS/ID: 128931

3715 Bannister Lane
Suitable Use: Residential
5 Acres \$50,000
Subdivision: Young MLS/ID: 97161

3675 Bannister Lane
Suitable Use: Residential
5 Acres \$50,000
Subdivision: Young MLS/ID: 97162

3730 Black River Rd.
Suitable Use: Residential
5 Acres \$50,000
Subdivision: Young MLS/ID: 97157

3600 Black River Rd.
Suitable Use: Residential
10 Acres \$80,000
Subdivision: Young MLS/ID: 97160

631 Bowen Drive
Suitable Use: Residential, SWMH,
DWMH
0.44 Acres \$14,000
MLS/ID: 127845

600 Bowen Drive
Suitable Use: Residential, SWMH,
DWMH
0.41 Acres \$14,000
MLS/ID: 127846

6040 Brookland Dr.
Suitable Use: Residential
1.38 Acres \$35,000
Subdivision: Brookland MLS/
ID: 128941

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1.38 Acres \$35,000
Subdivision: Brookland MLS/ID:
128942

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Suitable Use: Residential
1.38 Acres \$35,000
Subdivision: Brookland MLS/ID:
128943

5970 Brookland Dr.
Suitable Use: Residential
1.45 Acres \$35,000
Subdivision: Brookland
MLS/ID: 128944

2851 Brownfield Way
Suitable Use: Residential
1.17 Acres \$125,000
Subdivision: Deerfield West
MLS/ID: 129850

3 Coulter
Suitable Use: Residential
0.4 Acres \$8,000
Subdivision: Glade Park
MLS/ID: 131081

Council St.
Suitable Use: Residential
2 Acres \$40,000
MLS/ID: 111588

E. Brevington Rd.
Suitable Use: Residential, Farming
32.35 Acres \$97,000
MLS/ID: 108691

Falcon Drive
Suitable Use: Residential, Timber
13.7 Acres \$41,100
MLS/ID: 131635

Falcon Drive
Suitable Use: Residential, Timber
20 Acres \$60,000
MLS/ID: 131637

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Suitable Use: Residential
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Subdivision: Foxboro MLS/ID: 128456

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Suitable Use: Residential
1 Acre \$31,900
Subdivision: Foxboro MLS/ID: 130011

1560 Gristmill Circle
Suitable Use: Residential
9 Acres \$275,000
MLS/ID: 129705

62 Harrell
Suitable Use: Residential
0.82 Acres \$16,500
MLS/ID: 131707

1990 Highway 261 South
Suitable Use: Residential
0.5 Acres \$10,000
MLS/ID: 129109

Kingsbury Rd.
Suitable Use: Residential
1.09 Acres \$19,000
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Self-monitoring tracking system aids long-term success

Have you ever planned out your meals and workouts down to a “t” only to find that you veer off track after just a few days?

If this sounds familiar, adding a self-tracking system may be the key to staying on track.

Research shows that a self-monitoring tracking system of food and exercise habits improves chances of success.

It has consistently shown a significant and consistent positive association with weight loss.

Self-monitoring is not only a way to get immediate feedback, but it also allows modifications in behavior to reach a



Missy Corrigan

behaviors are the “input” of the equation, or effort.

The “output” is the type of outcome measure like weight, inches, muscle mass or body fat.

In other words, it provides information about how effective the “input” is.

By tracking weight but not food intake or exercise frequency, the tracking is unbalanced.

goal. But if you are going to self-monitor, you must be sure your tracking is balanced.

Counting calories or monitoring physical activity tracks behaviors are the “input” of the equation, or effort.

This doesn’t mean that you have to track outcomes daily as you might be tracking your “inputs.” In fact, researchers have yet to agree on how often you should be measuring your “outputs.”

Too often can create an obsession or an unhealthy relationship with body image.

Not often enough can prevent any sort of success from happening.

Because body weight fluctuates on a daily basis, it may be best to weigh weekly for long-term weight loss goals. Monitoring your results daily can be frustrating, especially for those who thrive off instant gratification.

How many times do you allow the lack of results on the scale to determine your mood or what kind of day you

are going to have?

By monitoring your daily “inputs” you know whether or not you are taking the right steps for making progress. Focus more on those and your results will come.

Tracking appropriately may take time in the beginning, but it pays off in the long run. There are a variety of options

available to track food and exercise, from online systems to journals and wearable devices. Find what works for you and stick with it!

Missy Corrigan is executive of community health at Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymca-sumter.org.

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY MCCRAY

MANNING — Shirley McCray, 53, wife of Jimmy McCray , died Friday, April 21, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning. She was born June 10, 1963, in Pine-wood, a daughter of the late Steady Edward Gordon and Margaret Felder Gordon. The family is receiving friends at the home of her aunt Julia Singleton, 10350 Highway 261 South, Pine-wood. These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home, LLC of Manning.

DALE L. ANDERSON

Dale Lesley Anderson, 65, wife of Bobby R. Anderson, died Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematori-um of Sumter.

ADA M. MOYLAN

Ada Mae Brunson Moylan, died Friday, April 21, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. She was a daughter of the late Jesse Sr. and Frances Brown Brunson. She was a re-tired real estate agent. Ms. Moylan was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Survivors include: seven children, Timothy Moylan (Ann) of Grimes, Iowa, Teresa Shaw (Morrie) of Birming-ham, Iowa, Thomas Moylan, Ted Moylan, and Tamara Moylan all of Dalzell, Tracy Larkins (Glenn) of Sumter, Todd Moylan of Las Vegas; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Jesse Brunson Jr. (Janice) of

Sumter; and one sister, Ruth Brunson of Sumter. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Brunson Cemetery on Plowden Mill Road. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tues-day at Elmore-Cannon-Ste-phens Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children’s Re-search Hospitals. Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematori-um of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

MICHAEL M. MOTLEY

BISHOPVILLE — Michael Marquis Motley entered eter-nal rest on April 21, 2017, at his residence, 317 S. Nettles St., Bishopville. The family is receiving friends at the residence. Funer-al arrangements are incom-plete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S.

Main St., Bishopville. MARY L. WILLIAMS SMITH BISHOPVILLE — Mrs. Mary Lee Williams Smith, widow of Mr. Bennie Lee Smith, entered eternal rest on April 20, 2017, at her resi-dence, 521 Berry Road, Bish-opville. The family is receiving friends at the residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be an-nounced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishop-ville.

MALIK ALI QURON EVANS

Malik Ali Quron Evans, son of Mica Evans, was born on September 23, 2014, in Sumter County. He departed this life on April 17, 2017, in Myrtle Beach, after a long battle with Leukemia. Malik leaves to cherish his loving memory: his mother, Mica Evans; brother, Eriyon

Bell; grandmother, Melissa Evans; aunt, Whitney Graves; uncles, Markell Evans, Leon Evans; and a host of other rel-atives and friends. Memorial services will be held at noon on Monday, at the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. John Dicks and Dorothy Maple officiating. The family is receiving rela-tives and friends at the home,

226 S. Purdy St. The procession will leave the home at 11:30 a.m. Services directed by the management and staff of Wil-liams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at wiliamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

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Supply ship named for John Glenn arrives at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A supply ship bearing John Glenn’s name arrived at the International Space Station on Saturday. Astronauts used the station’s big robot arm to grab the capsule, as the craft flew 250 miles above Germany. NASA’s commercial shipper, Orbital ATK, named the space-craft the S.S. John Glenn in honor of the first American to orbit Earth. It rocketed from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Tuesday with nearly 7,700 pounds of food, experiments and other goods. Glenn died in December at age 95 and was buried earlier this month at Arlington Nation-al Cemetery. His widow, Annie, granted permission for Orbital ATK to use his name for the Cygnus spacecraft. The compa-ny, in fact, sent up some memo-rabilia for the Glenn family. Glenn made history in 1962 when he soared into orbit aboard Friendship 7, his one-man Mercury capsule. He re-turned to space in 1998 aboard shuttle Discovery, at age 77, right before station construc-tion began in orbit. Space station commander Peggy Whitson — who on Mon-day will set a U.S. record for most accumulated time in orbit — notified Mission Control when S.S. John Glenn was cap-tured. “We’re very proud to wel-come on board the S.S. John Glenn,” said French astronaut Thomas Pesquet, who took part in the operation. The contents “will be put to good use to con-tinue our mission of research, exploration and discovery.” Whitson and Pesquet have been living on the space station since November, along with a Russian. They were joined by another American and Russian on Thursday. Whitson is making her third space station flight. Early Mon-day, she will surpass the 534-day, two-hour-and-change mark set by astronaut Jeffrey Wil-liams last year. The S.S. John Glenn, mean-while, will remain at the orbiting outpost until July, when it is let go to burn up in the atmosphere.

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And there were no fresh tire marks in the dirt driveway, said Ken Bell, public information officer at the sheriff's office. She also left behind her medicine for multiple sclerosis, he said.

According to an incident report from the sheriff's office, Reid thought her daughter might have been in danger because of her divorce in 1997.

Bell said George Shannon, Dianne's ex-husband, was abusive during their relationship. He said investigators attempted to speak with George about his ex-wife's disappearance but he was uncooperative.

There was just not enough evidence to arrest anyone, he said.

George Shannon died on Feb. 2, 2011.

Dianne Shannon was last seen on Feb. 4 by a friend after the two had lunch at Western Sizzlin' restaurant in Lugoff that afternoon.

The two friends met while attending SisterCare, a support group for survivors of domestic violence, meetings in Camden.

Bell said the friend told investigators that nothing seemed out of the ordinary on that Thursday. She said Shannon was in a good mood making jokes and talking about her mother's upcoming wedding.

After lunch, Shannon dropped her friend off at her vehicle. The friend said Shannon invited her to stay the night with her but she refused and agreed to meet up another day, Bell said.

Shannon then presumably headed back to her home in Dalzell.

According to an article published by *The Sumter Item* on Feb. 26, 1999, Shannon moved from Kershaw County to Sumter County after her house burned down in August 1998.

In the article, former Sumter County Sheriff Tommy Mims said Shannon was awarded the house during the divorce settlement but her ex-husband George said that if he could not live in the house, no one could.

Bell said her neighbors had nothing to add to the investigation and Dianne's two sons who were teenagers at the time lived with her ex-husband after the pair divorced.

The sheriff's office received assistance from South Carolina Highway Patrol and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division during the search for Shannon, Bell said.

He said officers checked all possible routes from Kershaw County to Sumter County including U.S. 521, U.S. 378 and U.S. 601, side streets and dirt roads. And SLED flew a helicopter over the roads and Shannon's property, Bell said.

He said it is very easy to see all the way to the ground when looking down from an aircraft during that time of year because there are no leaves on the trees. If there were a car there, they would have seen it because there were no very steep embankments, he said.

He said the vehicle's information was entered into the National Crime Information Computer and if it is found, the sheriff's office will be notified of its location.

Bell said this is one of the most baffling missing person cases because Shannon and her car just disappeared.

The time factor makes this more difficult, especially because some of the people Shannon knew have passed away, he said.

According to a Beth Thurman, a friend of one of George's siblings, Dianne and George's youngest son Matthew is the only living member of the family after her oldest son James committed suicide in February this year. Dianne's daughter Vicki also committed suicide years prior to her disappearance.

"We just don't know what happened," Bell said.

Shannon was 49 years old at the time she was last seen and would be 66 years old now. She is a white woman, 5-foot-4-inches tall, with graying-brown hair and blue eyes.

Fliers that were posted in 1999 state that Shannon also walked with a limp. The plate number for Shannon's burgundy two-door 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass is 605-CJY.

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Theresa Dianne Shannon can provide information to Sumter County Sheriff's Office at (803) 436-2000 or CrimeStoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-274-6372.

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the Walmart stand alive and will try to come to the celebration next year.

Even though the focus is on Earth Day, the performances of local elementary school choruses were a huge draw.

Ron and Doris Briggs made sure they were going to see their grandson perform with the Pocalla Springs Elementary School chorus.

"Of course I'm excited to be here," Doris Briggs said. "It's the first time I'm getting to see my grandson perform since being sick. It's a big day for him," she said.

Her husband, Ron, was equally excited for Earth Day at the gardens.

"I love the Earth, I love growing things and people say my yard is the best," Ron Briggs said.

Both said that with age it's harder to get out and garden, but coming to Swan Lake-Iris Gardens you can still get that experience of nature's serenity.

"It's something for everyone," he said.

The Earth Day celebration had tents with informational materials on how to be more eco-friendly in various ways,



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Parker DuBose-Schmitt, 7, spray paints a design. The spray paint is an eco-friendly way to reuse old markers.

a Walmart tent giving away flowers, a Clemson Extension master gardener tent and eco-friendly activities for kids. One of these activities was spray painting, where the ink tubes from dried up markers were repurposed to make a spray paint solution.

Michelle Hanenkrath, a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) lab teacher at Lemira Elementary, felt some enlightenment from the festivities.

"My students and I painted some rain barrels for this

event, but now I think we're going to do even more," said Hanenkrath.

Rain barrels, Hanenkrath explained, are used for collecting rain water to reuse for things like watering flower gardens and run off.

Hanenkrath said she enjoyed learning about recycling at the Earth Day festival and hopes to create a recycling club at Lemira Elementary School.

"I want our planet to be around for my kids and grand kids and for years to come," said Hanenkrath.

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WILLIAM SIMS “BILL” PROPST

RALEIGH — William Sims “Bill” Propst, died on April 20, 2017, just shy of his 95th birthday. Bill was born on May 9, 1922 in Sumter, the middle of three sons of Grier Caldwell Propst and Lois Sims Propst. He was married for 47 years to the

PROPST

late Adelaide Linehan Propst.

Bill attended Clemson College where he played football, until volunteering for WWII at age 20. Bill served as an U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, 29th Infantry Division, 116th Infantry Regiment, and was awarded the Bronze Star. After being injured in combat, he was honorably discharged on April 2, 1945. Bill was proud of his service but did not talk about his war experience until his later years.

After the war, Bill moved to Raleigh, working in sales in the lumber industry followed by a lifelong career in real estate.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. Bill was also a member of various boards and social clubs, including the Sphinx Club and CCC.

Bill’s favorite pastimes in his later years included delighting in his grandchildren, watching sports, the stock market, and his daily ritual of the crossword puzzle, many times without requiring a pencil.

He remembered everything and everyone, which served him well in his storytelling and will always be remembered as a gentleman.

The family is grateful for the care and support of Rex Hospital Staff and Christ Church clergy.

He is survived by two children, Elizabeth McCulloch Baskerville Propst, of Washington, North Carolina; William Sims (“Buck”) Propst, Jr. and his wife, Jina, of Raleigh. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Lillian Bowman Propst, William Sims Propst, III, and Benjamin Boylan Propst and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his brothers Julian Caldwell Propst and Dr. Charles Robert Propst, of Sumter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Christ Church, 120 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC with a reception to follow in the Christ Church Commons. There will be a private commitment ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Christ Church, 120 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, referencing “Bill Propst Memorial.”

WILLIAM V. KEENAN JR.

OCALA, Fla. — Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. William Vincent Keenan Jr., age 78, beloved husband of the late Margaret F. Keenan, died on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Munroe Regional Medical Center.

KEENAN

Born on Aug. 18, 1938, in Brooklyn, New York, he was a son of the late William Vincent Keenan Sr. and Gertrude Jennings Keenan. Bill graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy on June 5, 1963. Bill and Margaret were married on June 8, 1963, and began their journey through life together. Shortly after his marriage, Bill received his U.S. Air Force orders and reported for pilot training. Bill served in many different capacities in the Air Force to include being a pilot, instructor, advisor, operations director and chief of operations. While in the Air Force, Bill was stationed and served at numerous locations to include Webb Air Force Base, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, Vietnam, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, England Air Force Base, Puerto Rico Air National Guard, Korea and Shaw Air Force Base. Bill retired from the Air Force in June of 1991 as a lieutenant colonel. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Bill became a government contractor and consultant. He worked with and advised many divisions of

the armed forces.

Bill’s professional accomplishments were surpassed only by his dedication to his loving wife, Margaret, and his family. Bill was the proud father of four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bill and Margaret opened their hearts, family and home to eight foreign exchange students to help them learn and grow in a new and caring environment and three foster children to help them form new and rewarding relationships.

Bill was an active member of the Catholic community in many different locations while he served in the Air Force. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Sumter. In addition, he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Bill served at the local, district and state levels and held numerous positions from Grand Knight, District Deputy and State Deputy.

Surviving are four children, William V. Keenan III of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Mary Louise Cardinale of Graham, North Carolina, Elizabeth Ann Cato of Ocala and Richard Scott Keenan of Atlanta; eight grandchildren, Stacey Stapleton, Bradley Keenan, Caroline Cardinale, Victoria Cardinale, Charles Hert, Scott Hert, Kaleigh Cato and Sydney Keenan; and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church with Monsignor Mark Rowan officiating. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bullock Funeral Home with a wake service beginning at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family’s guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



JAMES E. GEE

James Eugene “Jim” Gee died on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1940, at McLeod Hospital in Florence to parents Paul Hood Gee and Margaret Benjamin Gee. He graduated from McClenagan High School, where he was active in sports and

served as student body president. Jim attended Davidson College and in 1962 he married Winnie Bath while attending Emory Medical School. After graduating in 1965, Jim and Winnie moved to Charleston to complete an orthopedic residency. Jim served as a physician at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, where he and Winnie remained. In 1972, he became the first orthopedic surgeon in town, opening Sumter Orthopedics.

As an orthopedist, Jim set an example by balancing his love of God, family and medicine. He made rounds early and late so that he could be with his family and attend his children’s activities. He was active with the YMCA, serving as chairman of the board, coaching and often examining fingers or ankles while watching his children play sports. He was never out of reach for anyone and always responded attentively with compassion. After retiring as a surgeon, Jim continued to care for others, working at Palmetto Tuomey Industrial Medicine and providing medical services as a volunteer for United Ministries through 2016.

Jim served many roles from youth leader, elder and clerk of the session as a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. After leading a youth group to Mexico, he developed a passion for international missions and served on nearly a dozen trips to South America. He represented his church and profession abroad with the same integrity and commitment that he served his

own community. He was an associate member of the Rumple Presbyterian Church in Bowling Rock, North Carolina.

Jim was a remarkably humble man who always put others first. He was a devoted husband for 55 years and a gracious father and grandfather to his own children and to many others. He began each day saying “Our greatest gift is God’s love, our greatest privilege is to share it with others” and he lived each day carrying it out.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie; son, Paul Eugene Gee of Louisville, Kentucky; and daughter, Julia Muldrow and her sons, Daniel and Patrick.

He was predeceased by a son, James Daniel.

He is also survived by a sister, Margaret Schultz of Atlanta and husband, Bob; a brother, Paul Gee of Huntersville, North Carolina, and wife, Karen; and a brother, Dr. George Gee of Columbia and wife, Linda.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter.

A private service will be held at another time.

Memorials may be sent to United Ministries, 36 S. Artillery Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 or to First Presbyterian Church, 9 W. Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family’s guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



PINEASE M. CALDWELL

ALCOLU — Pinease Melleron Caldwell, widow of Clarence Caldwell Sr., died on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.



CALDWELL

She was a daughter of the late Callie Mellerson. Funeral services for Mrs. Caldwell will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Historic Liberty Hill AME Church, 2310 Liberty Hill Road, Summerton, with the Rev. Robert L. China Jr., pastor, officiating, the Rev. Patrick Mellerson presiding and the Rev. James Oliver and the Rev. Emma Mellerson assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Clarence Jr. and Rosa Caldwell, 5176 June Burn Road, Alcolu.

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

THEODORE DAVIS SR.

Theodore “Bubba” Davis Sr., 78, departed this life on April 18, 2017, at his home.

Born in Lee County, he was a son of Willie R. Davis Sr. and Golden B. Davis. He attended the public schools of Lee County. He was the operator and manager of Davis Social Club (Davis Night Spot) for more than 44 years before retiring. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at an early age at St. Mark Baptist Church. He was a member of Sandy Bluff Lodge 44, Prince Hall.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Lillie Mack Davis; his children, Patricia (Jack) Brown of Bishopville, Theodore (Kathleen) Davis Jr. of Fort Knox, Kentucky, Amy Michelle Davis of York and Krystal Nicole Davis of the home; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Georgia M. Davis and Frances (Arnold) DeBerry of Columbia; one uncle, Roosevelt Thomas of Summerville; one aunt, Ruth Jenkins of New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

Celebration of life services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 510 Manville-Wisacky Road, Bishopville. The Rev. Willie Dennis, interim pastor, presided, the Rev. W.W. Thompson served as eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1360 Manville-St. Charles Road, Bishopville.

The remains were placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The procession left from the home at 10:20 a.m.

Burial was at St. Mark Missionary Churchyard cemetery, Dalzell.

These services were 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.

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BERTHA S. LEE REDDEN

MANNING — Bertha Samuel Lee Redden, widow of Arthur Lee and Charlie Redden, died on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

She was a daughter of the late Charlie and Charlotte Brunson Samuel.

Funeral services for Mrs. Redden were held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, Alcolu. The Rev. Jerome McCray presided, the Rev. Otis Blackwell officiated and the Rev. David Pugh, Prophetess Cheryl Graham and the Rev. Rose Hagen assisted. Burial followed in Fair Heaven Baptist Church Cemetery, Manning.

These services were entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

RAYMOND A. BARNHILL SR.

Raymond A. Barnhill Sr., 68, died on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on July 1, 1948, in Fairmont, North Carolina, he was a son of the late Lacy Ray Barnhill Sr. and Anita Ivey Barnhill. He was formerly employed by Exide Battery.

Survivors include five children, Tracy Williams, Sabrina McLaughlin, Brent Barnhill, Laurie Barnhill and Courtney Barnhill; 10 grandchildren; and brothers and sisters, Karen Goff, Diane Ray, Sherry Neely, Linda Lee McCaskill, Donnie Barnhill, Lacy Barnhill Jr. and Danny Barnhill.

He was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Barnhill Jr., and a brother, Larry Barnhill.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Paul Goff and the Rev. Ron Bower officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

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

JOE LEWIS LAWSON

SUMMERTON — Joe Lewis Lawson died on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

He was a son of the late Joe Lewis Lawson Sr. and Robertha Thames Lawson.

Funeral services for Mr. Lawson will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at Santee AME Church, 1045 Dingle Pond Road, Summerton, with the Rev. Harvey Sutton, pastor. Burial will follow in the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence.

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

DELORIS F. SMITH

Deloris Ferguson Smith, 70, widow of Harry Fred Smith, died on Friday, April 21, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Unity Fellowship Baptist Church.

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

FRANKLIN MCCANTS SR.

SUMMERTON — The Rev. Franklin McCants Sr., 74, husband of Dorothy Mae McBride McCants, died on Friday, April 21, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

He was born on April 16, 1943, in the Cypress Fork section of Clarendon County, a

son of the late Arnold and Isabella Samuel McCants.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1946 Oliver James Road, Sumterton.

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

JIMMY LOWERY SR.

Jimmy Lowery Sr., 64, widower of Catherine Burroughs Lowery, departed this life on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on April 22, 1952, in Lee County, a son of the late James and Irene Brown Lowery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 446 Raccoon Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

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

CLYDE MCCAIN JR.

Clyde McCain Jr., 63, departed this earthly life on Monday, April 17, 2017, at Providence Health Northeast Hospital, Columbia.

Born on Jan. 18, 1954, in Sumter County, he was a son of Clyde McCain Sr. and the late Evelyna Anthony McCain. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. He served in the United States Marines. He was employed by Anderson Transfer as a truck driver and dock worker for more than 30 years, until his death. He was a member of Shepherd United Methodist Church, where he served on the usher board.

He is survived by his father, Clyde McCain Sr.; his wife, Ann Tindal McCain; two sons, Michael (Danielle) McCain and Brandon (Monica) McCain; two daughters, Yolanda and Walik McCain; five brothers, Steve (Ella) McCain, James (Rachelle) McCain, Leon Anthony, Ray (Angela) McCain and Bobby Anthony; one sister, Evelyn (Al) Montgomery; 10 adopted sons; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at Antioch United Methodist Church, 4040 Dubose Siding Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Raymond Cook, pastor, eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 25 Inglewood Drive, Sumter.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m.

The procession will leave at 1:50 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Park, 3001 Cains Mill Road, Sumter.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

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TRENTON HARRY

Trenton Harry, 32, died on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at his place of residence.

Born on Aug. 24, 1984, in Warren, Ohio, he was a son of Nathaniel and Annette Dozier Harry.

The family is receiving family and friends at the home of his aunt, Mary Singletary, 427 Vining St.

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

MILDRED D. KOEPSSEL

Mildred D. Koepsel, 88, widow of William Koepsel, died Saturday, April 22, 2017, at a local nursing facility following a lengthy illness.

Born July 13, 1928, in Darlington, she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Julia Ann Benenhaley Thompson.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Cheryl Kammerman officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday at the graveside.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of NHC of Sumter for the compassionate care they provided.

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

SCHOOLS

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later in the day (see sidebar). The two other board members on the committee — Johnny Hilton and Lucille McQuilla — were in attendance and part of the 5-0 vote.

In his financial update to the committee Friday, Allan provided a preview of his 2017-18 proposed budget for the district. In that proposal, he recommended the school district close both F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle at the conclusion of this academic year. F.J. DeLaine's current enrollment is 166 students, and Mayewood's enrollment stands at 154 students. According to the district office's calculations, both schools' enrollments for next year are projected to decrease slightly, according to Baker.

Allan's financial update Friday showed cost savings for next year of \$1.6 million for DeLaine's closure and slightly more than \$2 million for Mayewood's closure. Those \$3.6 million cost savings would mostly come in the areas of utility costs and insurance for the facilities. With the school closings, Allan's analysis showed an increase to the general fund balance of \$4.1 million by the end of 2017-18 fiscal year, June 30, 2018.

"I am absolutely recommending that we close those two schools — DeLaine and Mayewood," Allan said. "That's going to basically allow the district to put about \$4 million into its fund balance next year, if everything else comes through the way that it should."

Allan told the committee he believes the school closings will result in increase efficiencies and are the most responsible use of county taxpayers' money, even if the topic is a very sensitive issue in the community.

"I understand that it's a contentious thing to do," Allan said. "And I understand that looking at closing schools to build your fund balance may not be the right thing, but it is — in my opinion — the right way to treat the taxpayers' money in this district. Small schools are not economically effective; they just aren't. They are very diffi-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

The Sumter School Board Finance Committee voted unanimously Friday to recommend to the full board of trustees to close two schools, including Mayewood Middle School and F.J. DeLaine Elementary School, at the end of this school year.

cult to close. I have been in districts and I have done it. And it's very hard to. But to be able to do something like this and have a projected \$4 million fund balance at the end of next year, is a big step in bringing this district back to where it needs to be."

As far as commute times on school buses for the students affected at the two schools, Baker said the effects would be minimal and about five extra miles. Allan and Baker said closing DeLaine and Mayewood made the most logistical sense also, and would be the easiest transition for parents and students.

According to Baker, Mayewood Middle students would transfer into Chestnut Oaks Middle School. DeLaine students would move into the configuration of the three schools near Shaw Air Force Base. Preschool, kindergarten and first-grade students would go to Oakland Primary School; second- and third-graders would be re-routed to Shaw Heights Elementary; and fourth- and fifth-graders to High Hills Elementary.

With the projected enrollments data, an estimated 308 students would be affected by the two school closures.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO TEACHERS?

According to Allan and committee members, closing the two schools will probably not eliminate any teaching positions. The teachers at the two affected schools — DeLaine and Mayewood — would likely move into other teaching positions at other schools, given retirements and attrition of other teaching staff. Baker gave the example that Oakland Primary and Shaw Heights have lots of teaching slots, and if attrition occurs then that creates an opening.

ADDITIONAL PLANS

Two other schools — Rafting Creek Elementary (163 students) and Ebenezzer Middle (350 students) — were identified by the district for potential future closure. Allan believes closing them a year from now is a wise strategy.

He said he believes the public will recognize with time that in closing the

initial two schools, students will still receive a good education and get to school on time — even though there is not a neighborhood school.

"I would next year recommend closing the other two schools," Allan said Friday. "Why I am saying that is I think folks need to see it's not a horrible thing. It's something that makes sense from a financial point of view, from a taxpayer point of view, and it really does make the district stronger financially. Then, when you see that, it becomes a little easier to swallow when you do the next two schools."

He emphasized increasing the district's fund balance will allow it to do new and different things to improve instructional needs in other places.

ALLAN: NO OTHER OPTIONS

In reference to whether there are any other reasonable alternatives to save money and avoid closing the two schools, Allan said there were none. He said the district could keep the schools open and still possibly meet budget next year, but those efforts would do little to adding to the district's fund balance. He referenced if the district were able to put \$200,000 in the fund balance after next fiscal year, it would likely take the district 20 years to save enough money to do new instructional programs and initiatives to improve educational attainment of children in the district. With the measures discussed Friday, the timeline to get an appropriate fund balance would be five to six years, Allan said.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As mentioned, the finance committee's recommendation Friday of Allan's budget proposal for next year, which includes closing the two schools and a projected increase of \$4.1 million in general fund balance, now goes to the full board at Monday's meeting. Monday's meeting is the board of trustees' monthly work session at the district office. Like all meetings of the board, the meeting is open to the public. However, since it's a work session, public participation is not on the agenda.

DETAILS

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unanimous vote to close two schools. McGhaney is also a member of the board's finance committee, but was unable to attend Friday's monthly committee meeting. During the finance committee meeting the school board's financial consultant Scott Allan presented his 2017-18 draft budget proposal, which includes closing F.J. DeLaine Elementary School and Mayewood Middle School this summer as cost-saving measures to help increase the district's general fund balance by \$4.1 million. The finance committee, with three local private business owners and two board members present, voted unanimously to accept Allan's proposal and present it as a recommendation to the full board.

On Friday evening, McGhaney said he assumed Allan would present a budget proposal to close schools and that the majority of the finance committee would support that and approve the recommendation. McGhaney said last week that he and the majority of the board wanted to consider other alternatives for cutting costs from next year's budget and only consider closing schools as a "last resort" to the district's current financial crisis.

Allan said in Friday's finance committee meeting there were no other reasonable alternatives the district could take in order to build its fund balance to appropriate levels.

"I can imagine that Scott Allan did give a financial update on closing schools as far as a recommendation," McGhaney said. "However, I cannot tell you how the board will vote on the recommendation."

McGhaney said he wants to hear Allan's same briefing to the full board on Monday night. McGhaney said he's not ready to take any action until he hears the report.

"Since they are saying there are no other options, then board members will have to discuss it Monday and see what direction they want to go in as a board," McGhaney said. "Will we be prepared to vote? I don't know. I don't know what questions other board members may have."

McGhaney said he understands the district's deficit issue, but he's also aware of the sensitivity of closing schools.

Monday's meeting is the board's monthly work session and will be held at the district office. The meeting is open to the public, but public participation is not on the agenda.



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ments set by HUD. Students should see their school guidance counselors for applications and income guidelines or pick up an application 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday from the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty St., Office H. Call Carolet Thomas at (803) 774-1652 or Clarence Gaines at (803) 774-1649.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD INC. CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC. ABILITIES UNLIMITED INC. ADAPTIVE LIFESTYLES INC. MAGNOLIA MANOR INC. FIRST FLIGHT INC. Monday, noon, 750 Electric Drive. Call 778-1669, extension 119

OSWEGO RURAL WATER CO. ANNUAL MEETING Monday, 7 p.m., 3060 Oswego Highway

MID-CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION Tuesday, 6 p.m., Bultman Conference Room, Room 201, USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road

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

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St. For special accommodations, call (803) 934-0396, extension 103.

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES Monday, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your changeable attitude will make it difficult for others to know exactly what you want or what you're going to do next. Your ability to use the element of surprise will work in your favor when dealing or negotiating with higher-ups.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Surprise everyone with your knowledge, actions and ability to take over and get things done. Expect someone to use persuasive tactics to influence you in a negative way. Stay focused on what you want to achieve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Something positive will sprout out of a negative situation if you're honest. Lay your cards on the table. Letting emotional issues take over won't solve the problem. Act responsibly and you'll find a way to move forward.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Assess your plans and intentions and pick out the most prominent ideas. Concentrating on what brings you the highest return will pay off in terms of recognition, financial rewards and the chance to follow your dream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let an opportunity to get ahead turn into a loss. If you want to invest in someone or something, let it be yourself and your own ideas. It's up to you to bring about positive change, so don't rely on others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen carefully and offer solutions that are respectful of everyone involved. It's how you present what you want and what you're willing to offer that will determine the outcome. A fair

offer will entail some compromise. Romance is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your voice to fight your battles. Don't jeopardize your health or physical well-being just to prove a point. The best change will come from suggesting solutions that are fair to all parties involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do things that bring you joy. Getting involved in events that everyone in the family can enjoy or that you and someone you adore can share will help stabilize your relationships with the people who mean the most to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ease into changes with caution. How you present what you have to offer and the alterations you want to make will determine whether or not you're going to be able to fulfill your dreams. Maintain a steady pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Bask in the glory you've created. It's time to celebrate and decide what you want to do next and with whom. Love, romance and plans that will bring you closer to loved ones are encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider who is trustworthy and who isn't. Some of the information you receive will be deceiving. Ask questions and go over any contracts or paperwork with care. It's best to get things right the first time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in something that makes you feel good and you will meet people who you find mentally stimulating. Take on a challenge that will encourage you to make personal improvements that will ensure better health.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Not as warm	Cloudy with a thunderstorm	Cloudy with a t-storm in spots	Clouds and sunshine	Pleasant and warmer	Partly sunny and warm
79°	60°	72° / 56°	74° / 56°	82° / 61°	86° / 64°
Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%
S 6-12 mph	SSE 6-12 mph	NNE 7-14 mph	NW 8-16 mph	S 4-8 mph	SSW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

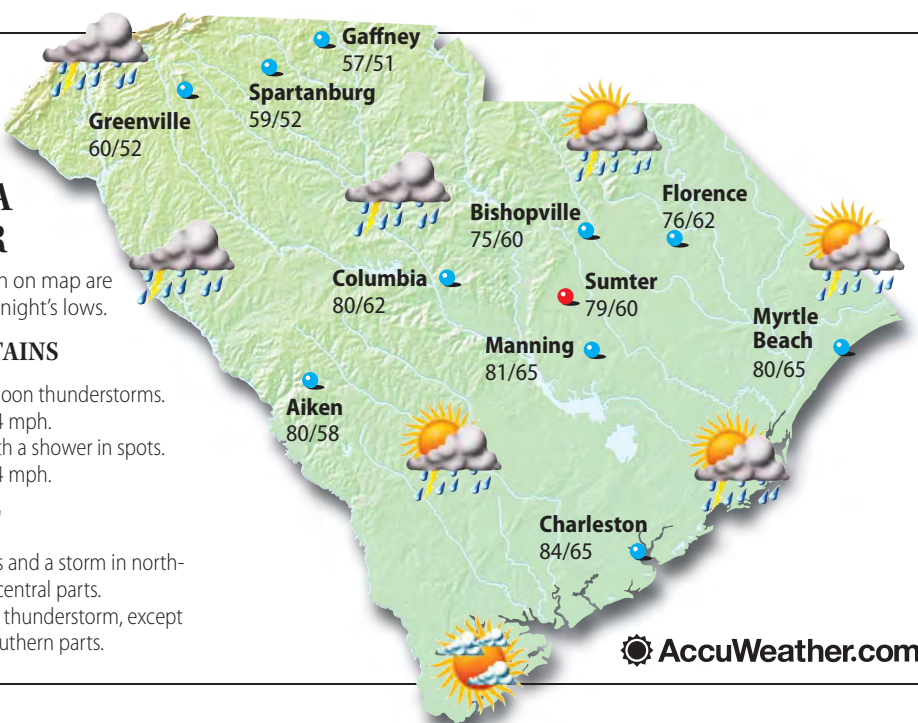
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Strong afternoon thunderstorms. Winds northeast 7-14 mph. Monday: Cloudy with a shower in spots. Winds northeast 7-14 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Sun. Showers and a storm in northern parts; a storm in central parts. Monday: Rain and a thunderstorm, except a thunderstorm in southern parts.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	87°
Low	65°
Normal high	76°
Normal low	50°
Record high	90° in 1963
Record low	35° in 1978

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	3.42"
Normal month to date	2.23"
Year to date	10.70"
Last year to date	14.91"
Normal year to date	13.52"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.96	-0.07
Marion	76.8	75.22	-0.06
Moultrie	75.5	75.15	none
Waterree	100	97.79	+0.12

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.77	-0.49
Congaree River	19	3.70	+0.03
Lynches River	14	4.13	-0.27
Saluda River	14	4.93	+1.49
Up. Santee River	80	76.84	+0.40
Waterree River	24	5.30	-0.01

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:41 a.m.	Sunset	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise	5:00 a.m.	Moonset	5:02 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Apr. 26	May 2	May 10	May 18

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	7:08 a.m.	3.1	1:34 a.m.	0.2
	7:29 p.m.	3.2	2:01 p.m.	-0.2
Mon.	8:01 a.m.	3.2	2:30 a.m.	-0.1
	8:20 p.m.	3.5	2:51 p.m.	-0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	69/55/t	68/56/pc
Chicago	69/41/s	71/51/pc
Dallas	72/51/s	79/62/s
Detroit	67/42/s	68/48/pc
Houston	74/50/s	80/58/s
Los Angeles	78/57/pc	74/60/pc
New Orleans	71/55/pc	79/59/s
New York	64/48/pc	60/52/r
Orlando	90/67/pc	83/59/pc
Philadelphia	64/48/c	57/48/r
Phoenix	98/68/pc	94/67/s
San Francisco	64/52/pc	63/55/pc
Wash., DC	62/51/c	56/52/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	56/48/r	60/51/sh	Florence	76/62/pc	72/57/r
Athens	72/53/t	66/55/c	Gainesville	86/59/pc	79/52/pc
Augusta	86/58/t	74/55/c	Gastonia	59/52/r	61/54/r
Beaufort	86/63/pc	79/58/t	Goldsboro	65/58/t	73/62/r
Cape Hatteras	73/68/t	80/67/r	Goose Creek	84/65/pc	75/59/t
Charleston	84/65/pc	78/59/t	Greensboro	54/50/r	58/52/r
Charlotte	58/53/r	62/54/r	Greenville	60/52/t	63/54/sh
Clemson	64/56/t	68/55/c	Hickory	53/50/r	58/53/sh
Columbia	80/62/t	72/57/c	Hilton Head	81/68/pc	77/62/c
Darlington	74/61/pc	69/57/r	Jacksonville, FL	86/61/sh	79/55/c
Elizabeth City	62/57/r	75/64/r	La Grange	72/54/t	72/54/pc
Elizabethtown	71/63/t	74/59/r	Macon	76/54/t	70/50/pc
Fayetteville	67/59/t	72/59/r	Marietta	68/53/t	69/51/pc

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

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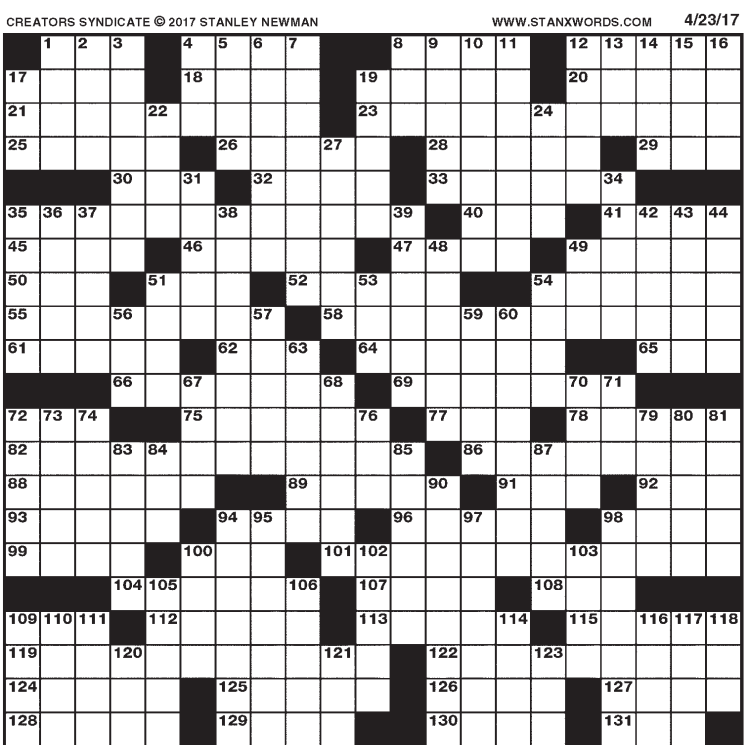
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- 131 "___-hood!"

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- 1 Elvis ___ Presley
 - 2 Huff and puff
 - 3 Releases, in melodramas
 - 4 Ore diggers' org.
 - 5 Shade close to aqua
 - 6 Keeps from spreading
 - 7 Wonderland croquet ball
 - 8 Novelist Tolstoy
 - 9 Horror film series addr.
 - 10 Hydrogen/nitrogen compound
 - 11 Barn area
 - 12 Throng
 - 13 UV index monitor
 - 14 Outdoor black-board info
 - 15 Ranks
 - 16 The Martian agency
 - 17 Homie
 - 19 Smirnoff rival
 - 22 Nashville venue, for short
 - 24 Is aptly sized
 - 27 Acquire, as awards
 - 31 Request for repetition
 - 34 Composer Joplin
 - 35 Flinch
 - 36 300+ lb. NBA great
 - 37 Nonstop



- 38 Study of cities
- 39 Tiny head-phone
- 42 Don't go to
- 43 Turns sudden-ly
- 44 Henry Ford II's dad
- 48 Get well
- 49 Leaders of patri-archies
- 51 Combustion
- 53 L. Mead locale
- 54 Start of an an-cient boast
- 56 TelePromp
- 57 Year-end temp job
- 59 Exams for would-be drs.
- 60 Fullerton cam-pus
- 63 Name on 2016 bumper stick-ers
- 67 Kellerman of whodunits
- 68 Sussex scound-rel
- 70 Wooden wedge
- 71 Erstwhile space station
- 72 Mosque officials
- 73 Brief bios
- 74 Unseen trail
- 76 ___-mo camera
- 79 Nest material
- 80 Grand-scale
- 81 Keep an (monitor)
- 83 Crunchy, in brand names
- 84 Distinctive pe-riod
- 85 "Father of Ge-ometry"
- 87 Two-sided store section
- 90 Sailboat rig-ging support-ers
- 94 Something thrown in anger
- 95 Sales districts
- 97 Ancient kilt-
- wearing ruler
- 98 Song's broad-cast exposure
- 100 Old Testa-ment kingdom
- 102 In-crowd
- 103 Sci-fi prin-cess
- 105 Get-well pro-cess
- 106 Made off with
- 109 "By Jove!"
- 110 Blanched
- 111 Nutrient in spinach
- 114 Hermione in the Potter films
- 116 Bulldog of the comics
- 117 Major-_-Caps (cin-ema candy)
- 120 Der, auf Eng-lisch
- 121 Be jocular
- 123 Merge
- Retired general TOMMY

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

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

JUMBLE

GRUNT MESSY TRICKY IMPEDE When children played with their new Slinky toys in April of 1946, it was — SPRINGTIME

PREP SOFTBALL

Elms' home run helps Laurence Manning top TSA 7-4

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special To The Sumter Item

MANNING — Just call her the home run queen. Laurence Manning Academy catcher Baylee Elms smacked a 2-run home run well over the leftfield fence, helping to key a decisive 3-run fourth inning that propelled the Lady Swampcats to a 7-4

victory over Thomas Sumter Academy on Friday at Julie Skoler Field. Elms added to her LMA single-season record home run total, with Friday's shot being her seventh of the season. The long ball, which followed a 1-out Maggie Josey single, came with Elms facing a 1-2 count on two called strikes that seemingly frustrated the



ELMS

'Cats head coach Maria Rowland said. "She's hit more (home runs) by herself than I've had girls hit combined (in

senior backstop. "She's stroking the ball well, seeing it, she's staying disciplined, she looks good. I'm really proud of her," Lady

a season). She's done great." Cora Downer helped add a little insurance for LMA, following Elms' blast with a single. The senior center fielder then stole second base and came home on an RBI single by Abbie Beard to account for the Lady 'Cats' final run. The teams swapped runs in the first inning, with TSA's Logan Morris drawing a lead-

off walk from Lundy Olsen and moving to third on a fielder's choice grounder and infield error that allowed Josie Reed to take second. Diamond Gibson bunted Morris home, with Reed taking third, before Olsen rallied to minimize the damage by retiring Carmen Silvester on a popup to short

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PREP BASEBALL

Split down the middle

Barons hit 2 HRs, turn 3 double plays in 9-7 win over LMA as rivals wind up co-region champs

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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No matter what circumstance popped up on Friday night at Baron Field, Wilson Hall's baseball team kept the right attitude, second baseman Burgess Jordan said. "We had the right state of mind," Jordan said. "We had good approaches at the plate and we didn't make too many mistakes in the field. "We had the right attitude the entire game." One that led to a 9-7 victory over Laurence Manning Academy and a co-region championship.

The Barons smacked a pair of 2-run home runs, turned three double plays and took advantage of a rough fifth inning by the Swampcats to earn a come-from-behind victory that left both rivals in a virtual deadlock atop SCISA Region II-3A. Both teams are 5-1 and the normal tiebreaker, run differential, is also even as each claimed a 2-run victory. The 'Cats and Barons will likely have to wait and see how things shake out for the playoffs, which begin a week from Monday with a new format. Eight teams make the postseason with the top two from each region and two at-large bids from each comprising the field. Wilson Hall hosts Ben Lippen on Monday while LMA hosts Carolina Academy on Wednesday. "I felt like we had a great frame of mind the whole night," said WH head coach Adam Jarcecki, whose team improved to 13-5 overall. "We were focused at the plate and focused in the field and we stayed in the game the whole night. "They got up on us after we



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall's Daulton Dabbs (14) and Drew Talley (10) wait at home plate to congratulate Charlton Commander (4) after Commander hit a towering home run during the Barons' 9-7 victory over Laurence Manning Academy on Friday at Baron Field.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Lakewood's Wilson inks with South Georgia Tech

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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Malik Wilson remembers the conversation with head coach Bryan Brown vividly. "I can remember being in ninth grade and Coach Brown telling me I couldn't go anywhere without my grades," Wilson said. "So I kept working. I kept my grades up and I always look at it as



WILSON

school first." "This is a big moment for me and it's just the beginning." The Lakewood High School senior's big moment came on Wednesday when he signed to play basketball with South Georgia Technical College — a junior college located in Americus, Georgia. "I don't know if I ever really thought this day would come," Wilson said. "But coach Brown pushed me. I got in the gym every day and got better." The 6-foot-3-inch, 180-pound senior forward picked SGT over a couple of other junior colleges that were interested, he said, but the Jets felt like the right fit. "I just liked the program," Wilson said. "I felt like if I went there I could get better and grow as a person and a basketball player and be successful. "I like the players. They work hard and they get after it." Wilson is hoping his time at South Georgia will be a stepping stone to the next collegiate level as well. "I feel like when I leave

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Toronto's DeMar DeRozan (10) goes up for a shot against Milwaukee's Thon Maker (7) during the Raptors' 87-76 victory on Saturday in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference playoffs first-round series in Milwaukee.



NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors beat Bucks 87-76 in slugfest, tie series at 2-2

BY GENARO C. ARMAS
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — DeMar DeRozan reverted back to his playmaking form. The Toronto Raptors reasserted themselves on defense. They're headed back to Canada after winning a bruiser of a first-round playoff game on Saturday over the Milwaukee Bucks. DeRozan scored 33 points, and Kyle Lowry had 14 of his 18 points in the second half of Toronto's 87-76 victory to tie the Eastern Conference series at two games apiece. The Raptors turned up their intensity before a hos-

tile road crowd after getting embarrassed in a 27-point loss to Milwaukee in Game 3. They forced 21 turnovers. "I've always said we play better with our backs against the wall," coach Dwane Casey said. "It's a tough way to live, but I love our team's resilience and personality." Toronto reclaimed home-court advantage in the best-of-seven series. Game 5 is Monday at the Air Canada Centre. Tony Snell led Milwaukee with 19 points, including five 3-pointers, both playoff career highs. His 3 with 3:14 left got the Bucks within seven. Lowry

answered with a bucket before setting up another basket with a drive-and-dish to center Jonas Valanciunas for a layup in traffic. While Toronto's star guards produced in the clutch, the defense threw up roadblocks after the Bucks ran roughshod all over the court on Thursday night. Milwaukee shot 37 percent overall in Game 4, but 31 percent (13 of 42) in the second half. "Our tempo was extremely slow," coach Jason Kidd said. "Give (Toronto) credit, they slowed us down." Giannis Antetokounmpo

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 a.m. – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Shenzhen International Final Round from Shenzhen, China (GOLF).
9:10 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Manchester United vs. Burnley (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:20 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Bayer Leverkusen vs. Freiburg (FOX SPORTS 2).
10 a.m. – International Soccer: FA Cup Semifinal Match from London – Manchester City vs. Arsenal (FOX SPORTS 1).
11 a.m. – Women’s International Tennis: Fed Cup Semifinal Match from Wesley Chapel, Fla. – United States vs. Czech Republic (TENNIS).
11:25 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11:30 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Leipzig vs. Schalke 04 (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon – College Softball: Florida State at Louisville (ESPN).
Noon – College Softball: Mississippi at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
12:45 p.m. – International Soccer: Mexican League Match – Veracruz vs. UNAM (UNIVISION).
1 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Four – Cleveland at Indiana (WOLO 25).
1 p.m. – College Softball: Baylor Oklahoma (ESPN2).
1 p.m. – College Softball: Texas Tech at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
1 p.m. – PGA Golf: Valero Texas Open Final Round from San Antonio (GOLF).
1 p.m. – College Baseball: Wake Forest at Clemson (WPUB-FM 102.7).
1:30 p.m. – Major League Soccer: Orlando at New York City (FOX SPORTS 1).
1:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-100.1).
1:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Boston at Baltimore or New York Yankees at Pittsburgh (MLB NETWORK).
1:30 p.m. – Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game – Fenerbahce Istanbul vs. Panathinaikos Athens (NBA TV).
2 p.m. – NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Food City 500 from Bristol, Tenn. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).
2 p.m. – College Baseball: Indiana State at Dallas Baptist (ESPN).
2 p.m. – College Softball: Tennessee at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
3 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Eastern Conference First-Round Series Game Six – Ottawa at Boston (WIS 10).
3 p.m. – PGA Golf: Valero Texas Open Final Round from San Antonio (WLTX 19).
3 p.m. – College Softball: Oregon at Arizona (ESPN2).
3 p.m. – Professional Golf: Web.com Tour United Leasing & Finance Championship Final Round from Newburgh, Ind. (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Four – Houston at Oklahoma City (WOLO 25).
3:30 p.m. – IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Grand Prix of Alabama from Birmingham, Ala. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. – Major League Soccer: Seattle at Los Angeles (ESPN).
4 p.m. – College Baseball: Arkansas at Auburn (ESPN).
4 p.m. – Professional Tennis: Monte Carlo Masters Final Match from Monaco (TENNIS).
5 p.m. – Senior PGA Golf: Champions Tour Legends of Golf Final Round from Ridgedale, Mo. (GOLF).
6:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Four – Boston at Chicago (TNT).
7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Eastern Conference First-Round Series Game Six – Washington at Toronto (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Arkansas at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. – Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Salt Lake City (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7:30 p.m. – International Soccer: Mexican League Match – America vs. Santos (UNIVISION).
8 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Washington at New York Mets (ESPN).
8 p.m. – Professional Basketball: NBA Developmental League Championship Series Game One (ESPN).
9 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Four – Los Angeles Clippers at Utah (TNT).

MONDAY
5 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Barcelona Open Early-Round Matches from Barcelona, Spain (TENNIS).
6:05 p.m. – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh (ESPN).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Florida State at Louisville (ESPN).
7 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Five – Milwaukee at Toronto (NBA TV).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Arkansas at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference First-Round Series Game (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Four – Washington at Atlanta (TNT).
10:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs First-Round Series Game Four – Golden State at Portland (TNT).
10 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco or San Diego at Arizona (MLB NETWORK).
5 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Barcelona Open Early-Round Matches from Barcelona, Spain (TENNIS).

MLB STANDINGS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
Baltimore	11	4	.733	—
New York	11	6	.647	1
Boston	10	7	.588	2
Tampa Bay	9	9	.500	3½
Toronto	4	12	.250	7½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Cleveland	9	7	.563	—
Detroit	9	8	.529	½
Minnesota	8	9	.471	1½
Chicago	7	8	.467	1½
Kansas City	7	9	.438	2
WEST DIVISION				
Houston	12	5	.706	—
Oakland	10	8	.556	2½
Texas	7	10	.412	5
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	5½
Seattle	7	12	.368	6

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Baltimore 2, Boston 0
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Houston 6, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 6, Kansas City 2
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 0
Minnesota 6, Detroit 3
Oakland 3, Seattle 1
Toronto 8, L.A. Angels 7, 13 innings

SATURDAY’S GAMES
Detroit 5, Minnesota 4
Oakland 4, Seattle 3
N.Y. Yankees 11, Pittsburgh 5
Houston at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

TODAY’S GAMES
Houston (Mugrove 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Andriese 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Boston (Rodriguez 0-1) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Nova 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Holland 1-2), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 1-1) at Minnesota (Gibson 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 0-1) at Texas (Darvish 1-2), 3:05 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Chavez 1-3), 3:37 p.m.
Seattle (Gallardo 0-2) at Oakland (Triggs 3-0), 4:05 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAMES
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Toronto at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
Washington	12	5	.706	—
Miami	8	8	.500	3½
New York	8	10	.444	4½
Philadelphia	7	9	.438	4½
Atlanta	6	10	.375	5½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	10	7	.588	—
Cincinnati	9	9	.500	1½
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	1½
Pittsburgh	7	10	.412	3
St. Louis	7	10	.412	3
WEST DIVISION				
Colorado	11	6	.647	—
Arizona	11	7	.611	½
Los Angeles	8	9	.471	3
San Diego	8	10	.444	3½
San Francisco	6	11	.353	5

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 5, 11 innings
Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 11 innings
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 3
Colorado 6, San Francisco 5
Arizona 13, L.A. Dodgers 5
San Diego 5, Miami 3

SATURDAY’S GAMES
Chicago Cubs 12, Cincinnati 8
N.Y. Yankees 11, Pittsburgh 5
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

TODAY’S GAMES
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 1-2) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 1-2), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 0-2) at Philadelphia (Eflin 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Nova 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Leake 2-1) at Milwaukee (Nelson 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 0-3) at Colorado (Freeland 1-1), 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 2-0) at Arizona (Miller 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 0-1) at San Diego (Perdomo 0-0), 4:40 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Wheel-er 1-1), 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAMES
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

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(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

FIRST ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 2, Boston 1
April 16: Chicago 106, Boston 102
April 18: Chicago 111, Boston 97
Friday: Boston 104, Chicago 87
Today: Boston at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Chicago at Boston, TBA
x-April 28: Boston at Chicago, TBA
x-April 30: Chicago at Boston, TBA
Washington 2, Atlanta 0
April 16: Washington 114, Atlanta 107
April 19: Washington 109, Atlanta 101
Saturday: Washington at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
Monday: Washington at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Atlanta at Washington, TBA
x-April 28: Washington at Atlanta, TBA
x-April 30: Atlanta at Washington, TBA
Milwaukee 2, Toronto 1
April 15: Milwaukee 97, Toronto 83
April 18: Toronto 106, Milwaukee 100
Thursday: Milwaukee 104, Toronto 77
Saturday: Toronto at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Monday: Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-April 27: Toronto at Milwaukee, TBA
x-April 29: Milwaukee at Toronto, TBA
Cleveland 3, Indiana 0
April 15: Cleveland 109, Indiana 108
April 17: Cleveland 117, Indiana 111
Thursday: Cleveland 119, Indiana 114
Today: Cleveland at Indiana, 1 p.m.
x-Tuesday: Indiana at Cleveland, 7 or 8 p.m.
x-April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA
x-April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 2, Portland 0
April 16: Golden State 121, Portland 109
April 19: Golden State 110, Portland 81
Saturday: Golden State at Portland (late)
Monday: Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
x-April 26: Portland at Golden State, TBA
x-April 28: Golden State at Portland, TBA
x-April 30: Portland at Golden State, TBA
San Antonio 2, Memphis 1
April 15: San Antonio 111, Memphis 82
April 17: San Antonio 96, Memphis 82
Thursday: Memphis 105, San Antonio 94
Saturday: San Antonio at Memphis (late)
Tuesday: Memphis at San Antonio, 8 or 9 p.m.
x-April 27: San Antonio at Memphis, TBA
x-April 29: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA
Houston 2, Oklahoma City 1
April 16: Houston 118, Oklahoma City 87
April 19: Houston 115, Oklahoma City 111
Friday: Oklahoma City 115, Houston 113
Today: Houston at Oklahoma City, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
x-April 27: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-April 29: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
L.A. Clippers 2, Utah 1
April 15: Utah 97, L.A. Clippers 95
April 18: L.A. Clippers 99, Utah 91
Friday: L.A. Clippers 111, Utah 106
Today: L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
x-April 28: L.A. Clippers at Utah, TBA
x-April 30: Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL PLAYOFFS

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FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2
April 12: New York 2, Montreal 0
April 14: Montreal 4, New York 3, OT
April 16: Montreal 3, New York 1
April 18: New York 2, Montreal 1
Thursday: New York 3, Montreal 2, OT
Saturday: Montreal at New York (late)
x-Monday: New York at Montreal, TBA
Ottawa 3, Boston 2
April 12: Boston 2, Ottawa 1
April 15: Ottawa 4, Boston 3, OT
April 17: Ottawa 4, Boston 3, OT
April 19: Ottawa 1, Boston 0
Friday: Boston 3, Ottawa 2, 2OT
Today: Ottawa at Boston, TBA
x-Wednesday: Boston at Ottawa, TBA
Washington 3, Toronto 2
April 13: Washington 3, Toronto 2, OT
April 15: Toronto 4, Washington 3, 2OT
April 17: Toronto 4, Washington 3, OT
April 19: Washington 5, Toronto 4
Friday: Washington 2, Toronto 1, OT
Today: Washington at Toronto, TBA
x-Tuesday: Toronto at Washington, TBA
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 1
April 12: Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1
April 14: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 1
April 16: Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 4, OT
April 18: Columbus 5, Pittsburgh 4
Thursday: Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Nashville 4, Chicago 0
April 13: Nashville 1, Chicago 0
April 15: Nashville 5, Chicago 0
April 17: Nashville 3, Chicago 2, OT
Thursday: Nashville 4, Chicago 1
St. Louis 3, Minnesota 1
April 12: St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1, OT
April 14: St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1
April 16: St. Louis 3, Minnesota 1
April 19: Minnesota 2, St. Louis 0
Saturday: St. Louis at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
x-Monday: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA
x-Wednesday: St. Louis at Minnesota, TBA
Anaheim 4, Calgary 0
April 13: Anaheim 3, Calgary 2
April 15: Anaheim 3, Calgary 2
April 17: Anaheim 5, Calgary 4, OT
Wednesday: Anaheim 3, Calgary 1
Edmonton 3, San Jose 2
April 12: San Jose 3, Edmonton 2, OT
April 14: Edmonton 2, San Jose 0
April 16: Edmonton 1, San Jose 0
April 18: San Jose 7, Edmonton 0
Thursday: Edmonton 4, San Jose 3, OT
Saturday: Edmonton at San Jose (late)
x-Monday: San Jose at Edmonton, TBA

AUTO RACING

Drivers trying to figure out sticky Bristol surface

BY JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The moment practice ended at Bristol Motor Speedway, Kurt Busch climbed the steep banking of the concrete bullring. He checked the track temperature in several spots, then used his shoes to test the grip of the surface as he scuffed his way back down.



KURT BUSCH

There’s a sticky situation heading into Sunday’s race in Thunder Valley, and it’s causing fits for the drivers.

“It’s tough to trust, it’s tough to predict,” said Busch, a 5-time Bristol winner.

Bristol officials applied a VHT resin to the track surface that is intended to enhance grip. The Track-Bite is much wider than it was last summer, when Bristol first tried it in August in an effort to make a stronger second lane. The top lane for years had been the preferred line, but the wider swath of VHT seems to have made the bottom of the track the place to be as drivers used limited practice time to prepare for Sunday.

Intermittent rain at Bristol has wiped out a ton of the notes drivers have gathered about the surface because every time they think they’ve figured out a lane, the showers wash off any tire rubber that’s been accumulated. The Xfinity Series race was stopped for rain Saturday, hours after the Cup drivers had completed their final practice.

“The surface was real slick and then it was really grippy and then it started to slicken back up,” Brad Keselowski said. “It’s going to be an evolving surface race, so that just means it’s going to be tough. We’re supposed to be the best, so we’ll have to figure it out.

FORD ECOBOOST 400 LINEUP

By The Associated Press

After Friday qualifying: race today
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.

Lap length: 0.53 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

- (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 1st.
- (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 2nd.
- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 3rd.
- (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 4th.
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 5th.
- (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 6th.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 7th.
- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 8th.
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 9th.
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 10th.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 11th.
- (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 12th.
- (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 13th.
- (47) Erik Jones, Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 14th.
- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 15th.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 16th.
- (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 17th.
- (43) Almirola, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 18th.

SPORTS ITEMS

Clippers lose Griffin to toe injury

SALT LAKE CITY — Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin is out for the remainder of the playoffs with a toe injury suffered in Friday night’s win against the Utah Jazz.



GRIFFIN

The team announced Saturday that the 5-time All-Star was diagnosed with an injury to the plantar plate of his right big toe. Griffin left Game 3 in the second quarter with what the team said at the time was a bruised toe. X-rays at the arena were negative, but he was re-evaluated after the game.

JONES MAKES IT 2 STRAIGHT THIS SEASON WITH XFINITY WIN

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Erik Jones has back-to-back Xfinity Series victories after a win Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Jones also won at Texas Motor Speedway on April 8. He was the defending race winner at Bristol from last year.

Ryan Blaney finished second and Daniel Suarez was third to give the JGR cars two spots in the top three.

CHAPPELL LEADS BY 1 STROKE AFTER 3 ROUNDS OF TEXAS OPEN

SAN ANTONIO — Kevin Chap-

“It’s changing faster than I can keep up with it. This will be a week-end full of things we’ve never seen before, which usually means the field is privy to making a lot of mistakes, a lot of action, a lot of wrecks and that’s not always a bad thing.”

Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson said the driver’s council met during the fall and was in favor of Bristol continuing to explore using the VHT because “we were all eager to make sure it was back down and thought that it did offer more options.

“I welcome any change that might be thrown at us and any opportunity to create different lanes and searching around the race track,” he said.

Only every time on the track, the bottom lane is where everyone wants to be — all but current points leader Kyle Larson.

Larson, who starts on the pole because Friday qualifying was washed out, was among only a handful of drivers trying to run near the wall during practice. It almost bit him during Saturday morning’s session when he spun and clipped the outside wall. It caused only cosmetic damage to his car.

But, after running a chunk of practice on the bottom line, he went to work on the top and wondered why so few other drivers were willing to try to make it a two-lane track.

“I feel like it would still be really fast up there (in the top lane), it’s just nobody is brave enough to go up there and work in the groove,” Larson said. “The VHT is wider than the width of our race cars now, too, which makes it extremely easy to run around the bottom.”

Should the top line fail to become appealing by race time, Bristol could revert to the way it once was — a one-lane track in which bumping a car out of the way was the only way to make a pass.

- (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 19th.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 20th.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 21st.
- (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 22nd.
- (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 23rd.
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 24th.
- (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 25th.
- (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 26th.
- (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 27th.
- (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 28th.
- (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 29th.
- (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 30th.
- (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 31st.
- (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 32nd.
- (38) David Ragan, Ford, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 33rd.
- (15) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 34th.
- (83) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, Open Team - 2017 Owner Point 35th.
- (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 36th.
- (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, Charter Team - 2017 Owner Point 39th.
- (51) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, Open Team - 2017 Owner Point 40th.
- (55) Derrike Cope, Toyota, Open Team - 2017 Owner Point 41st.

pell birdied three of his final five holes and took a step closer to his first PGA Tour victory with a 1-under 71 on Saturday, giving him a 1-stroke lead after three rounds of the Valero Texas Open.

Chappell is 8-under through 54 holes. He’s ahead of first-round leader Branden Grace, who rallied with 2-under 70, and John Huh. After an eagle-birdie finish, Huh shot 71.

Ryan Palmer had the round of the day with 4-under 68.

USC EXTENDS CONTRACTS OF BOTH MARTIN, STALEY

COLUMBIA — Coming off historic runs through the NCAA Tournament, the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees approved new contracts for head men’s basketball coach Frank Martin and head women’s basketball coach Dawn Staley, it was announced on Friday.

Martin, who guided the Gamecocks to their first Final Four in program history, had one year added to his deal, extending his contract through the 2022-23 campaign, while Staley, who led the Gamecocks to their first National Championship in women’s basketball, received a 4-year extension through the 2024-25 season.

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RAPTORS

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was held to 14 points on 6-of-19 shooting, while also committing seven turnovers. Toronto's P.J. Tucker helped contain the Bucks' All-Star with physical play in the post in the fourth quarter.

"We were just trying to send as many bodies to him as we possibly could," Casey said.

TIP INS

Raptors: Norman Powell started in place of Valanciunas, a switch that Toronto announced about 15 minutes before tipoff. Casey promised to make changes following the Game 3 blowout. The 6-foot-4 Powell offered more quickness to counter the athletic Bucks.

Powell finished with 12 points. He also helped contain Bucks shooter Khris Middleton, who had 11 rebounds but finished 4 of 13 from the field for 10 points.

"What I normally do is be aggressive, be physical and make it difficult ... on the defensive end," Powell said.

Bucks: Antetokounmpo got off to a choppy start after missing five of his first six shots. He also had four of the team's 13 first-half turnovers after the Bucks had averaged 10 turnovers a game in the playoffs against Toronto. The 6-foot-11 forward did add to his collection of highlight-reel plays with a dunk in transition after side-stepping around DeRozan with about 5:30 left in the second quarter.

DEROZAN'S DAY

The resurgent DeRozan was 12 of 22 from the field after missing all eight of his attempts in Game 3.

Bouncing back from adversity isn't new for Toronto. But after a forgettable Game 3, DeRozan said the team stayed patient and remained confident.

"Being patient and being mature with the process, and (trying) to keep him calm," DeRozan said, nodding to his left in the direction of Lowry. "It was still a challenge, but we figured it out."

He came out aggressive with strong drives to the bucket, going 8 of 14 for 21 points in the first half alone.

DOWN THE STRETCH

The game was tied at halftime before Toronto slowly edged away, building a 10-point lead with 4 minutes left on Powell's 3-pointer.

Milwaukee went 0 of 9 from the field during a stretch between late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, but still managed to stay within two possessions of Toronto for much of the second half. The Raptors were only slightly better with the ball, but their defense set the tone.

"Our tempo ... in that second half came to a halt," Kidd said.

BUCKS MISFIRE

Trading shoves in the paint and hand-checks on the perimeter, the Bucks matched the Raptors' rise in defensive intensity. But they misfired more with the ball, with Antetokounmpo seemingly playing too aggressive at times. The Bucks had 13 first-half turnovers.

Center Greg Monroe did his best to keep Milwaukee in the game with 10 points and four rebounds in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't come out energized," Monroe said. "We tried to picking it up in the second half, but it was too late."



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AREA ROUNDUP

Sumter High baseball tops Summerville 4-2

SUMMERVILLE – Lathan Todd tossed five shutout innings as the Sumter High School baseball team closed out its regular season with a 4-2 victory over Summerville on Friday at the Summerville field.

Todd scattered four hits while striking out four and walking one for the Gamecocks, who are 21-3 on the season. Daniel Twitty worked two innings to get the save.

Dawson Price was 3-for-3 with a double and two runs batted in.

The Gamecocks open the 5A state playoffs on Tuesday.

JV BASEBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 7
WILSON HALL 3

Wilson Hall fell to 2-8-1 with a 7-3 loss to Laurence Manning Academy on Friday at Barons Field.

Wise Segars scored two runs, had a base hit and stole a base to lead Wilson Hall.

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

MANNING FINISHES SECOND

MANNING — Manning High School finished second in a 4-team meet on Thursday at Ramsey Stadium.

Timberland won with 129 points while Manning had 48. Cross had 37 and Timmonsville 23.

Dontavius Bates was the lone winner for the Monarchs, winning the 200-meter dash in 22.94 seconds.

GIRLS

VARSITY SOCCER

CRESTWOOD 4
LAKEWOOD 0

Caylie Kovalcik scored three goals to lead Crestwood High School to a 4-0 victory over Lakewood on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

Ashley Prater added a goal for the Lady Knights, who improved to 7-9

overall and 3-4 in Region VI-4A. Gloria Reyes had two assists and Victoria Sellers and Chantell Williams each had an assist.

Shannon Marie had seven saves in goal.

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

MANNING WINS MEET

MANNING — Manning High School won a 5-team meet on Thursday at Ramsey Stadium.

The Lady Monarchs won with 104 points. Scott's Branch had 64, Timmonsville 56, Timberland 52 and Cross 21.

Winners for MHS were Ambria Brunson in the 100 dash (12.66), Karisma Kennedy in the 400 hurdles (1 minute, 20.68 seconds), Mahogany Green in the triple jump (31 feet, 7 1/2 inches) and the 4x400 relay team of Kennedy, Madison Winn-Dennis, Anasia Felder, Shantia Fulmore and Ashley Ellis (5:31.00).

NBA PLAYOFFS

Hawks deliver early playoff KO, romp past Wizards 116-98

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Hawks are back in the series, and the bad blood with the Washington Wizards shows no signs of letting up.

Paul Millsap scored 29 points, Dennis Schroder had 27 and Atlanta delivered an early knockout blow in a 116-98 victory Saturday, slicing the Wizards' lead to 2-1 in the opening-round playoff matchup.

After two tight losses in Washington exposed plenty of ill feelings between the teams, Millsap and Washington's Markieff Morris continued to go at it in Game 3.

"He's a crybaby," Morris said afterward. "You get all the calls when you're a crybaby. That's how it went tonight."

Those comments were quickly relayed to Millsap at the postgame news conference.

"It definitely got personal now," he replied, before offering some unsolicited advice to Morris: "Take his loss and go back to the hotel, be ready for the next game."

Cheered on by a raucous home crowd, the Hawks built a 25-point lead by late in the first quarter and were never seriously challenged by the Wizards.



Atlanta's Paul Millsap (4) shoots over Washington's Markieff Morris during the Hawks' 116-98 victory on Saturday in Game 3 of a first-round Eastern Conference playoff series in Atlanta.

John Wall kept up his dazzling play in the series, scoring 29 points, but he was essentially a one-man team. The other Washington starters combined to score 30 points on 14-of-45 shooting.

Beal, in particular, had a miserable night after averaging 26.5 points in the first two games. He was held to 12 points on 6-of-20 shooting, missing all six of his attempts beyond the arc.

"That's probably the

most I've ever seen him air-ball in one game," Wall said. "He'll figure it out."

Game 4 is Monday night in Atlanta.

The Hawks came out intent on moving the ball, getting open looks and cutting down on the turnovers that plagued them in the first two contests.

Talk about following the game plan.

Atlanta pushed out to a double-digit lead before the game was 3 minutes old and stretched the margin to 38-13 with just under a minute to go in the opening quarter on Schroder's 3-pointer.

Wall did everything he could to spark the Wizards. He made all but one shot and scored 21 points in the first half, but the Wizards trailed 64-46 heading to the locker room. The other four Washington starters had just 18 points.

The Hawks took advantage at the other end.

Millsap also led the Hawks with 14 rebounds.

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MLB ROUNDUP

Punches thrown, benches clear in Tigers’ 5-4 victory over Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS — Twins slugger Miguel Sano punched Tigers catcher James McCann in the mask Saturday during a bench-clearing scrap in the fifth inning of Detroit’s 5-4 victory over Minnesota.

Two innings after Tigers outfielder JaCoby Jones was hit in the face by a pitch, Detroit starter Matthew Boyd threw behind Sano, who pointed his bat toward Boyd and yelled out at the mound. McCann intervened and appeared to put his mitt in the face of Sano, who reacted immediately with a right hand.

There was plenty of pushing and shoving as both benches and bullpens emptied, but there did not appear to be any other punches thrown. Sano and Boyd were both ejected.

Jones took a 90 mph fastball from Twins reliever Justin Haley to the face in the third. Jones sprang to his feet and ran up the third base line, in the direction of the Tigers’ dugout, where he was met by a trainer and manager Brad Ausmus.

NATIONALS 3

METS 1

NEW YORK — Gio Gonzalez pitched no-hit ball into the sixth inning to win again at Citi Field and the Washington Nationals beat the New York Mets 3-1 for their sixth straight victory.

CUBS 12

REDS 8

CINCINNATI — Wilson Contreras hit his first career



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minnesota’s Brian Dozier, right, is tagged out by Detroit shortstop Dixon Machado during the Tigers’ 5-4 victory on Saturday in Minneapolis. Punches were thrown and two players were ejected during a benches-clearing scrap.

grand slam and Anthony Rizzo and Jason Heyward added 3-run shots, powering the Chicago Cubs to a 12-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

YANKEES 11

PIRATES 5

PITTSBURGH — Pinch-hitter Chris Carter drilled a 3-run homer in the eighth inning off reliever Felipe Rivero to lift the New York Yankees to an 11-5 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

ATHLETICS 4

MARINERS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Adam Rosales and Ryon Healey each homered in the first inning, Jharel Cotton pitched six innings of two-run ball and the Oakland Athletics

beat the Seattle Mariners 4-3 for their fifth straight win.

FRIDAY

PHILLIES 4

BRAVES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Jeremy Hellickson pitched seven strong innings and Cesar Hernandez had three hits and scored two runs to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Friday night.

Freddie Freeman and Adonis Garcia homered for the Braves, who have dropped four straight after sweeping four games from San Diego.

Bartolo Colon (1-2) allowed four runs and 11 hits in seven innings.

From wire reports

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Tigers split doubleheader with Wake Forest

CLEMSON — Fourth-ranked Clemson split a doubleheader with No. 17 Wake Forest on Saturday at Doug Kingsmore Stadium, taking the first game 11-0 before falling in the second 8-3.

In the opening game, Alex Eubanks tossed a 7-hit shutout with a career-high 12 strikeouts to lead Clemson to an 11-0 victory.

Eubanks (6-3) earned the win, as he allowed seven hits, no runs and no walks with 12 strikeouts. He did not allow a runner past first base until the eighth inning. Eubanks recorded his third career complete game and second shutout of 2017.

In the nightcap, Gavin Sheets’ grand slam broke a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning and propelled the Deacons to an 8-3 win.

In the fifth inning, Reed Rohlman, who earlier extended his hitting streak to 18 games, lined his third single of the game, then Logan Davidson crushed a 2-run homer, his seventh long ball of the season, to give Clemson (33-8, 16-5 ACC) a 2-0 lead.

Wake Forest (29-13, 13-8 ACC) answered with an unearned run in the sixth inning after a leadoff error, then another costly Tiger error in the top of the seventh inning played a part in

the Demon Deacons scoring six runs, highlighted by Sheets’ grand slam, his 15th long ball of the season. Chase Pinder belted a solo homer, his second of the doubleheader and season, in the bottom of the seventh inning.

On Friday, Chris Williams’ bases-loaded walk with two outs plated Chase Pinder to compete a 3-run ninth inning in Clemson’s 8-7 walk-off win over Wake Forest.

Former Sumter High and P-15’s standout Charlie Barnes earned a no decision after going five innings and allowing five runs on eight hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

FLORIDA 7

SOUTH CAROLINA 5

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Eighteenth-ranked South Carolina led No. 9 Florida 5-3 entering the bottom of the eighth inning, but a grand slam by JJ Schwarz lifted the Gators to a 7-5 win on Saturday at McKethan Stadium in the rubber matchup of a 3-game SEC baseball series.

South Carolina is now 24-15 and 9-9 in the SEC with Florida 27-13 and 10-8 in league play.

South Carolina out-hit Florida 13-7 in the contest with four Gamecocks finishing with multi-hit afternoons. Jacob Olson tied his career-

high going 3-for-4 at the plate with TJ Hopkins, LT Tolbert and Carlos Cortes with two hits apiece as well.

On Friday, junior right-hander Wil Crowe allowed just one run in 7-plus innings of work and freshman outfielder Carlos Cortes hit his fifth homer of the year as USC defeated Florida 4-2. The Gators beat Carolina 1-0 on Thursday night.

Crowe (4-3) was solid all night as he limited the Gators to just six singles with no walks and three strikeouts. Junior right-hander Tyler Johnson pitched two innings of relief with just one run allowed and two strikeouts to earn his sixth save of the year.

SEARS STRIKES OUT 9 IN CITADEL LOSS

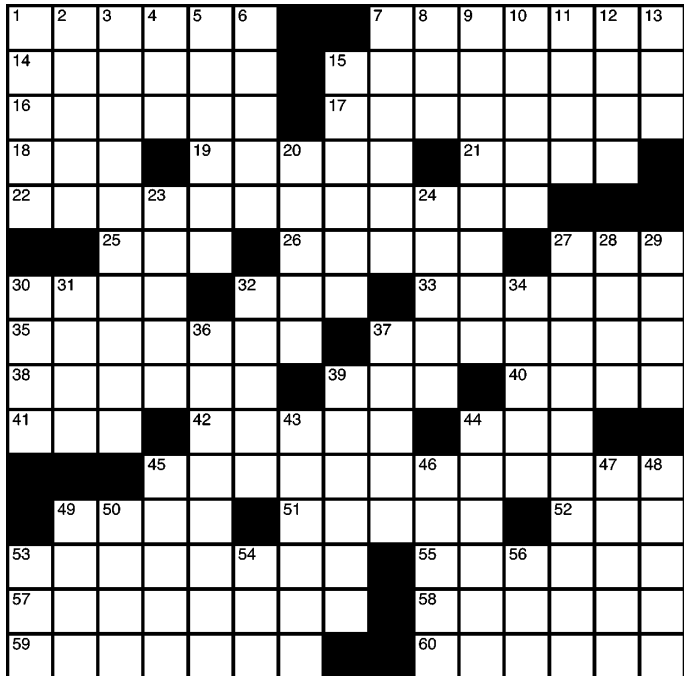
CHARLESTON — After leading through seven innings, The Citadel baseball team fell in 10 innings 6-5 on Friday afternoon against No. 27 Mercer.

National strikeout leader and former Wilson Hall standout JP Sears made the start against the powerful Bears lineup. Sears held Mercer in check over six innings, allowing eight hits and three runs with nine strikeouts, leaving the ball game with a 5-3 lead.

From local reports

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Debbie Ellerin

4/22/17

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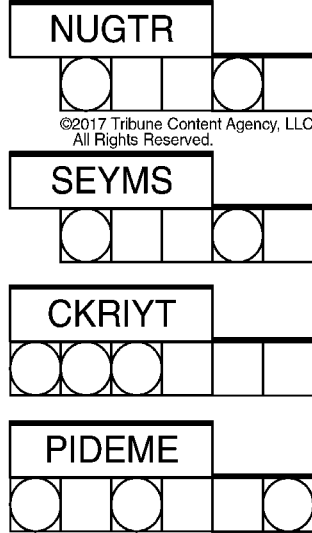
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



Answer here: _____ (Answers Monday)

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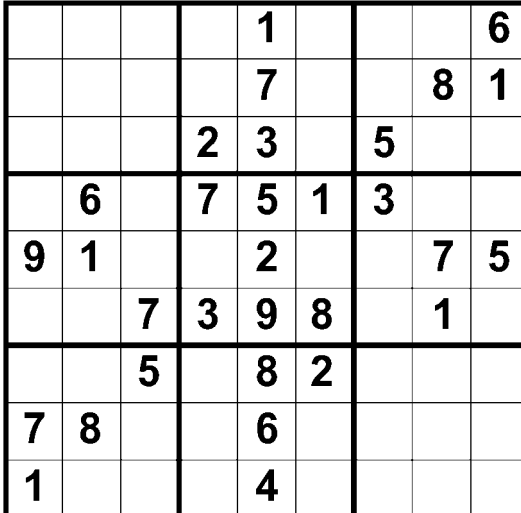
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had that early lead, and we came right back.”

Momentum swung early and often throughout the night, starting in the first inning. The Swampcats loaded the bases with one out, but Barons starting pitcher Drew Talley induced a 4-6-3 double play to escape the inning unscathed. WH turned another 4-6-3 DP the following inning and a 6-3 one in the sixth.

LMA wasn’t so fortunate in the bottom of the first. A shallow fly ball into center off the bat of Daulton Dabbs resulted in two ‘Cats defenders’ arms and gloves colliding and the ball dropping to plate one run. Charlton Commander then stepped to the plate two batters later and homered to put the Barons up 3-0.

Laurence Manning got a run back in the third on an RBI single by Buddy Bleasdale. LMA then took back the momentum it had lost earlier thanks to a big top of the fourth. Four consecutive 1-out singles plated one run on Morgan Morris’ RBI single. Braydon Osteen stepped up two batters later and roped a 2-run double that wound up scoring three runs thanks to a WH error as the Swampcats took a 5-3 lead.

“These kids fight and they’re going to battle,” said ‘Cats head coach Barry Hatfield, whose team fell to 16-3 overall. “They don’t quit. We hit the ball pretty well tonight. We just hit into three double plays — which are inning killers.”

Wilson Hall wasn’t down for



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Laurence Manning’s Morgan Morris connects for a run-scoring hit during the Swampcats’ 9-7 loss to Wilson Hall on Friday at Baron Field.

long, however. After Talley singled to lead off the Baron fourth, Jordan belted the second 2-run homer of the game to knot the score at 5-5.

“I was looking for a fast-ball,” said Jordan, who reached base three times and scored two runs. “I knew it was gone as soon as I hit it. It was big. That got us pumped up and got our heads back on straight.”

The Barons took the lead for good in the fifth. Bleasdale took over on the mound for Andrew Boyd, who made his first varsity start on Friday. Bleasdale had trouble with his command though and hit three batters and walked an-

other. Combined with four wild pitches and an RBI single by Josh Knowlton on a hot grounder to second, the result was four runs coming across as WH grabbed a 9-5 advantage.

“I thought Andrew threw well,” Hatfield said of his starter, who finished with eight strikeouts. “He missed a few of his spots and they squared up on a couple balls, but I feel like he’ll be fine for the playoffs.”

“Buddy hasn’t pitched a lot this year, and he didn’t have his best stuff tonight, but give them credit because they were able to take advantage of it. But I thought he needed to pitch some in a big rivalry game like this.”

Talley lasted until the seventh inning for the Barons, finishing with three strikeouts. The first two LMA batters reached and McLendon Sears came in for the rest of the game. He struck out the side, but not before a ball in the dirt that got away and a fielding error resulted in two more runs for the Swampcats.

“I thought Drew pitched well,” Jarecki said. “He battled. He got into a few jams but worked his way out of most of them and he threw a couple grounders we were able to turn into double plays.”

Sears reached base four times, doubled and scored twice for Wilson Hall. Commander had two hits and scored two runs.

Bleasdale had three hits to lead the Swampcats and both Bobby Crisp and Morris had two each. Morris also scored twice.

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and Ellie Hunter on a fly ball to right.

LMA’s first run came after a leadoff double by Elms, who reached in three of her four plate appearances. A sacrifice bunt from Downer and a Beard single to right-center plated Elms to tie the score 1-1 after one inning.

The Lady ‘Cats sent eight to the plate in a 3-run second, with an Ashton Rogers single up the middle getting it all started. Taylor Lea followed with an RBI double down the leftfield line and advanced to third after a Josey walk and Elms being hit by a pitch. A fielder’s choice grounder back to the mound result-

ed in TSA pitcher Hunter throwing out Lea at the plate before Trinity Harrington came through with a 2-RBI single up the middle that brought Josey and Elms home for a 4-1 LMA lead.

It took a few innings, but the Lady Generals finally mounted an answer in the fourth with an 8-batter, 3-run inning of their own. Silvester singled up the middle, took second on a Hunter sacrifice bunt and came home on an RBI single by Riley DeLavan, who would also score after a stolen base and RBI single from Catleigh Bryant. No. 9 hitter Karen Brannon drew a key 2-out walk from Olsen that allowed leadoff hitter Logan Morris an opportunity with two on. The always dangerous senior

shortstop came through with a game-tying single through the right side of the infield, scoring Bryant for a 4-4 tie.

“We’ve got a very good team. We’re still young, we’re still learning,” said acting TSA head coach Dean Morris as the Lady Generals, who fell to 7-6 overall. “We still don’t have a lot of maturity on the team, but we’re still getting there. We’ve got a good team. They’ve got a great team. I’m not taking anything away from them. I felt like we could have hit a little bit better. We got in the box, we did real well in the box, all our girls did take a good approach. They made the plays where we didn’t. They’re a very good team.”

The win ran LMA’s record to 16-5-1 overall, with

many of those games coming in tournament play and most of the region schedule still ahead.

“I was very proud of them. They came in relaxed and confident, and it’s kind of a different mindset,” Rowland said of a team looking to repeat the run last year’s squad had to a SCISA 3A state championship. “I’m proud of them, I’m proud of where they are mentally, and we’ve still got a lot of work to do. We’ve still got a lot of conference games left, so we’ll see. We’ve got a big one coming up and we’ve got to come ready to play.”

Both teams will be back in action with home games on Tuesday as TSA hosts Thomas Heyward while LMA welcomes Wilson Hall.

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there I will ready for the next level — Division I or Division II,” he said. “I’m going to always work on my perimeter game because there’s always something I can to get better. I know there’s way more that I can learn.”

Wilson averaged 11 points and seven rebounds for the Gators this past season as they captured the region title for the first time in program history.

Playing as a No. 4, Brown said Wilson will likely be a wing in college.

“He’s a hustler,” Brown said. “He’s going to go out and do whatever he can to help the team win. He’s also a rebounder and is extremely athletic. He has a knack for finding the ball and making plays.”

“We ran a lot of alley-oop plays for him because he’s the best jumper on the team.”



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Every day, 9,000 Millennials be-
come parents. Life insurance start-up
Haven Life surveyed the next generation
of parents to uncover their lifestyle and
financial priorities. Their findings:

▶ Millennials spend about \$10,000 per year
on regular child care.

▶ 52% say they have less than \$5,000 in savings;
29% have less than \$1,000.

▶ 22% have no life insurance at all.

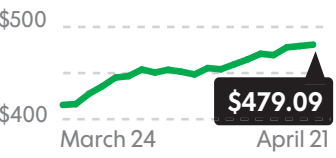
▶ 60% rank compassion and kindness as the top
value to instill. Putting family first came second at 53%.

▶ Millennial parents get about 55 minutes a day of
personal time.

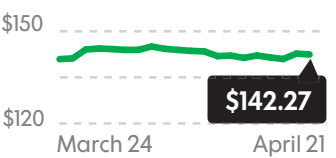
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STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

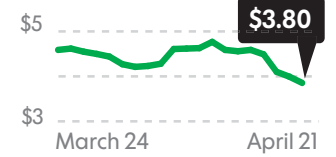
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL
The fast-food company's burrito got a little more expensive at about 440 locations, by about 5% on average. This is the first price bump since a food-safety crisis crushed sales in 2105. There are no plans to charge more at all 2,200 locations.



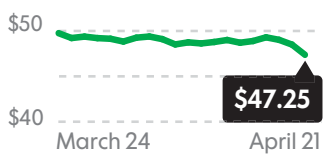
APPLE
The iPhone maker is planning the most extensive iPhone line-up in the smart-phone's 10-year history as soon as this fall. The lineup includes upgraded versions of the two current models and a new one with a curved screen.



RITE AID
The drugstore chain's stock price dropped as the Federal Trade Commission tried to block its \$7 billion takeover by Walgreens Boots Alliance. The FTC is considering a lawsuit.



VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS
The telecommunications company had its worst subscriber loss in more than a decade in the first quarter, shedding 307,000 customers. The losses dragged down sales, profit and its stock price. In the same quarter last year, it added 640,000 customers.



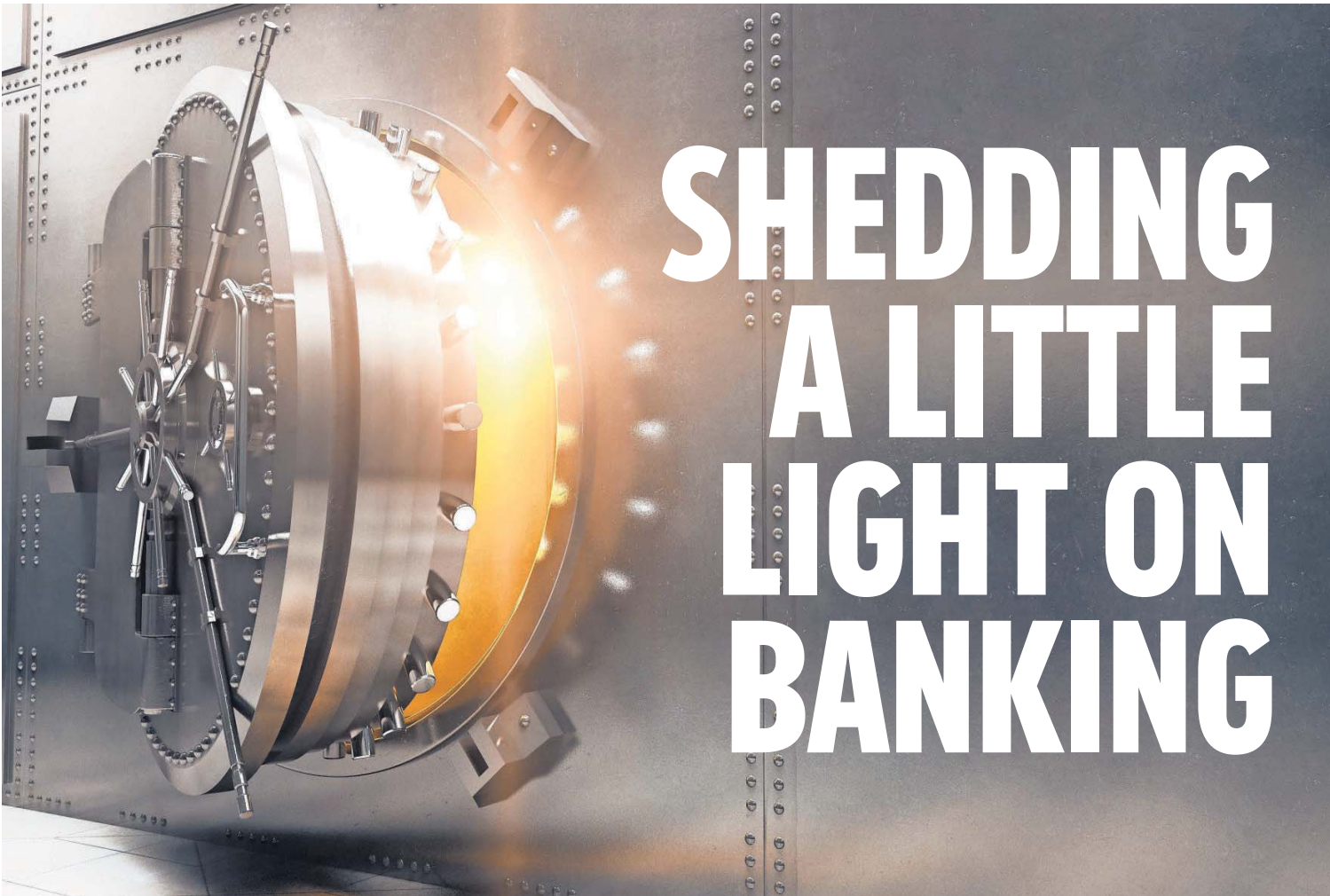
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You don't have to wait for Financial Literacy Month to take advantage of these banking tips

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April's not just about taxes. This is Financial Literacy Month, a great time to step on the path toward financial enlightenment. Here are four moves fit for a banking guru.

BUDGET SMARTER

Sync your bank accounts with a budgeting app such as Mint, Level Money or You Need a Budget. Apps such as these provide an overview of expenses to help you avoid overspending and master savings goals. Following lessons learned in high school, Zach Freeman says he "did a spreadsheet for a while, and it was incredibly tedious and time-consuming. I'd spend at least an hour or two a week just going through re-

ceipts and expenses and adding them up." After half a year, the Fort Worth resident gave up on spreadsheets and started using the Mint app. This cut his budgeting time to 15 minutes a week.

EMBRACE MOBILE BANKING

Bank mobile apps let you check your account balances, send money and get updates on the go. For Mark Hayes-Curry, mobile banking helps him manage money daily. When Hayes-Curry, of Allentown, Pa., swipes his debit card at a restaurant, his bank, Simple, quickly alerts him of the transaction, plus what a 20% tip would be, on his phone. Such alerts vary by bank; some allow you to track spending or low balances.

OPEN A HIGH-INTEREST SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Online banks offer rates as high as 1.10%, which is many times higher than those at major

national banks. A recent NerdWallet study found that \$25,000 placed in a high-yield savings account earned about \$275 more per year than in a low-interest account. Open a second savings account to boost earnings. To become a banking guru, avoid fees from your accounts by satisfying any minimum balance or other requirements.

BUILD A CD LADDER

Compared with a regular savings account, a certificate of deposit has higher interest rates. But it has a fixed term, from months to years, so accessing your money will trigger fees. A CD ladder offers flexibility. Open five CDs of varying term lengths: Choose one-, two-, three-, four- and five-year terms. When the one-year CD matures, you'll have cash if you need it. If not, reinvest those funds into a new five-year CD, and keep the cycle going the following year. Af-

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ter five years, a long-term CD is expiring every year. Try one or more of these steps for Financial Literacy Month and increase your financial wisdom. As you become a banking guru, look inside yourself — and your bank accounts — to inspire financial changes for the better.

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Some Millennials face financial conundrum

Now employed, should they pay off student loans, save for retirement or buy a house?

Sean Rossman
USA TODAY

As Millennials join the workforce in earnest, many ponder a serious question: focus on paying off student debt or nail down a comfortable future? The answer isn't so clear. Kyle Ryan, head of advisory services at Personal Capital, says the decision isn't just about numbers. It also relates to personal feelings about debt. "Money is emotional, and you really need to spend the time thinking about your own values and feelings about money," he said. "It's going to help you make better decisions." Right now, most 20- and 30-somethings are making enough

to cover expenses. But buying a house and/or saving enough for retirement is difficult with the spectre of student debt hanging over them. They can double down to pay off student loans, delaying future savings, or maintain minimum loan payments and use any spare funds for a down payment or starting a 401(k). Ryan suggests weighing the interest accruing on your student loans versus what a diversified investment account would generate. Generally, he said, those holding a student loan with 5% interest or less should direct their money toward investing in the future. Most diversified accounts, he said, will beat the 5% rate on your student loans. If the student loans are in the 6% to 8% range, it might make sense to focus on paying them off.

METHODS FOR MAKING MONEY

1. Build up some protection by creating an emergency fund of about three to six months of income.
2. Start contributing to a 401(k). Stock away at least enough to take full advantage of any employer match.
3. Pay off your high-interest credit cards or any other debt with high interest.
4. Then focus on your student loans, which typically have lower interest rates compared to credit cards.
5. Start contributing more to your 401(k). Even adding 1% each year can have a "significant impact," Fidelity's Kristen Robinson says. She suggests increasing your contribution gradually until you are putting 10% to 15% of your income away for retirement.

As for buying a house, Ryan said Millennials should consider how long they plan to stay in the same place. Buying a house is a great investment, he said, but the real estate market doesn't guarantee a house will increase in value. He said it makes sense to buy a home if you plan on living there for at least seven years. Kristen Robinson, senior vice president of emerging investors at Fidelity, offered a step-by-step method for Millennials facing money dilemmas (see box). As far as saving for a house, Robinson suggests building a separate fund for a home by scheduling a direct deposit from your paycheck to a separate account. Both Ryan and Robinson suggested taking stock of your overall financial situation as part of paying down debt or saving for retirement. Ryan suggested people understand their net worth, while Robinson focused on setting a realistic budget.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▲0.5% week ▼0.5% month ▲3.6% 3 months	S&P 500 ▲0.8% week unch. month ▲3.4% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲1.8% week ▲1.5% month ▲6.4% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▲1.1% week ▲0.6% month ▲3.3% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▲0.1% week ▲3.0% month ▲6.8% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▼6.7% week ▲3.3% month ▼5.3% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro (week) ▼0.0083 ▼0.0103 month ▼0.0012 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▲0.05 week ▼1.71 month ▼5.10 3 months
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Banks' focus on adding credit cards has put a strain on trust

Peter Dunn
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This won't come as a surprise, but the vast majority of advertisements were created to help you part with your money. It's an arrangement you've become both familiar and comfortable with since your first paycheck. Your only job is to fight for your money harder than advertisers do. And, if you accomplish that, you will see your bank balance grow instead of shrink. But what if the marketer trying to shrink your bank account is your bank?

I don't know when it happened, but banks seem to be much less interested in helping us accumulate money these days and much more interested in inducing us to spend it. I understand why, and I don't exactly blame them for pursuing profitability. But, if that's the case, shouldn't we stop viewing banks as trusted financial partners?

If I were to write a Help Wanted ad for a trusted financial partner, it would go a little something like this:

Trusted financial partner needed to help navigate all of

life's money challenges. This partner should hold me accountable to my debt elimination and asset accumulation goals and encourage wise financial decision-making. Additionally, this position requires a keen gamification detector which will help prevent me from falling prey to decisions influenced by an arbitrary point system.

Well, at least they give us free suckers.

I visited the top five consumer banks' websites and, with one exception, the primary focus was credit card sales. The exception, of course, was a bank unleashing a powerful public relations campaign to earn back trust lost when it opened millions of fraudulent accounts in its depositors' names. You shouldn't be surprised by this focus on credit cards because, as a 2016 NerdWallet report points out, once you accept a credit card into your life, you also likely add a credit card balance to your life. The average balance for people with at least one credit card is \$16,748. It's no wonder that getting you to hooked on credit cards gets top website billing.

Would a trusted partner hook you on a financial tool for the

purpose of racking-up swipe fees and interest payments? Eh, probably not.

Not too long ago I made a gigantic savings withdrawal for a home improvement project I had been working toward for years. Everything was perfect. I saved the proper amount of money, hired the contractor, and then I withdrew the money to pay him. The account had about \$200 left in it, and a month passed. When I received my next bank statement, I was both surprised and not surprised to see that a "low-balance" fee had been assessed. Banks will tell you low balance fees are to help encourage people to grow their savings, but charging you fees because you don't have enough money doesn't seem like a great way to help you grow your savings. That's like your gym not letting you exercise because you don't exercise enough.

Think about that. When your net worth goes up via small savings deposits, a bank charges you a fee. But when your net worth goes down via consumer borrowing (credit cards), you're rewarded by the bank. When my



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children do something I don't want them to do, they get a time-out. When they exhibit behavior I want to see, I reward them.

Despite what you've just read, I'm not anti-bank. However, banks hold financial influence over us, primarily because they have our money. And they are using this influence to shrink our net worths, not grow them. That, I have a problem with.

I sincerely appreciate the services my banks provide to me. They allow me to pay my bills and vendors efficiently, they help arrange access to my cash at ATMs around the world, and they're helping me purchase my home through a mortgage. But I ignore every bank advertisement I ever see or hear, because I want my net worth to increase, not decrease.

A trusted financial partner will help you increase your net worth. If your bank doesn't do that, then there might be more suckers involved than you think.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

You can stop those smartphone robocalls

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Special for USA TODAY

Have you noticed an uptick in those super-annoying robocalls, telemarketers and scams hitting up your smartphone all hours of the day and night?

According to the Federal Communications Commission, there are nearly 2.4 billion robocalls made every month. That's more than seven calls per person, according to new research from the YouMail Robocall Index. At best, the calls are frustrating. At worst, they're robbing us blind. So what can we do about it once and for all?

1. GOOGLE YOUR OWN NUMBER

Let's start with a little self-education. How the heck are these criminal-callers getting our cell numbers in the first place? If you don't post it publicly across social media, use it on shady shopping sites or shout it out to every telemarketer who calls — how is it getting out there?

Google your own number. Was it there? Mine was. It might not be alongside your name, but chances are it's there, collected by a "people search" company such as Nuwber that aggregates information from "White Pages listings, Public Records and Social Network Information." Thanks to modern technology, these lists are now easy for cyber scammers to scrape.

2. ADD YOUR NUMBER TO THE DO-NOT-CALL LIST

If you haven't already, add your cell number to the National Do Not Call list. I just went there to verify that I'm on the list, and sure enough, I've been registered since February 2006. Obviously, it doesn't fix the issue all the way around, but it does help keep legitimate companies from cold-

Apps, call blocking can help cut down on the annoying contacts

calling you.

If you're on the Do Not Call Registry and still get hit up, report the calls to the FTC, which compiles reports and hands out fines. You can also block them right from your smartphone.

3. BLOCKING CALLS, TEXTS

On **iPhones**, tap the green phone icon on your home screen, select the "Recents" tab on the bottom of the screen, then tap the blue "i" information icon next to the phone number you want to block. A screen pops up with a bunch of options, and at the very bottom you'll find "Block This Caller."

On most **Androids**, there are two easy ways to block numbers. If you're on the standard version of Android 6.0, you can go into your call log and long-press on the number you want to block, then select "Block number" from the pop-up menu. If you're using a version of Android other than the stock version, you can select "Settings" and then "Call blocking," then tap "Add number" and type in the number you want to block.

4. BRING IN THE BIG GUNS

There are a handful of apps that promise enough anti-spam ammo to stop annoying calls for good. They all require a bit of setup, but the toughest part of that so far for me has just been remembering my AT&T password. (You'll need the provider password for some of them.)

► **Nomorobo** (iOS): This is my best of these apps I've reviewed to date — so it's no surprise that it won a competition by the FTC. When a sketchy telemarketer hits up your phone number, your call screen shows a big red dot and a note that says "Robocaller" so you know to avoid it.

► **Truecaller**: This app (iPhone, Android, Windows Phone) reports it has collected more than 3 billion phone numbers and relies on information from users to filter out the scams.

Both apps charge \$1.50 to \$2 a month for their service.



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THE WEEK AHEAD



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Economists expect weak Q1 economic growth reports

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A report this week on first-quarter economic growth is likely to hew to the overriding theme of the economy's early-in-the-year performance: weakness. But is the culprit sluggish economic fundamentals or bad measurement? The latest releases on new home sales, consumer confidence and business investment will round out next week's indicators.

New home sales were unusually strong in January and February, at least partly due to unusually warm winter weather. But such outsize gains typically mean sales were pulled forward and some offsetting retreat lies ahead. Nomura economist Lewis Alexander believes that dynamic will outweigh generally healthy demand stoked by solid job and income growth. Economists expect the Commerce Department on **Tuesday** to report new home sales fell 0.7% in March to a still-sturdy seasonally adjusted annual rate of 588,000.

Consumer confidence hit a 16-year high in March, fueled by the healthy labor market, cheap gasoline, reduced household debt and near-record home and stock prices. Not much changed in April, but economists reckon the Conference Board will announce a slight dip from that lofty level.

New home sale have been strong the past couple of months.

Business investment has bounced back modestly in recent months as rising oil prices spurred more purchases of drilling-related equipment.

Business investment has bounced back modestly in recent months as rising oil prices spurred more purchases of drilling-related equipment. And an improving global economy has spelled more spending by U.S. manufacturers that export their goods. But the rebound has been choppy. Economists expect Commerce on **Thursday** to record a solid 0.5% increase in that measure for March as part of its report on durable, or long-lasting, manufactured goods.

Economic growth has been unexpectedly weak in four of seven first-quarter performances since the recession ended. Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics, points to the challenges the government faces making seasonal adjustments that account for harsh winter weather and other factors. But Alexander believes Commerce has made some tweaks to correct those errors. He notes that business investment, exports, defense spending and state and local government outlays — all of which have been subject to the seasonal adjustment quirks — likely contributed to growth the first three months of the year. Rather, he says, consumers — workhorses for the economy in recent years — are likely to blame for the latest sluggish first-quarter showing. Overall, economists expect Commerce to announce **Friday** that the economy grew 1.2% at an annual rate in the first quarter.

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Salem School students are seen circa 1918-22.

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Sumter’s schools have rich history

The history of education and schools in the settlement that became Sumter is very rich. Recounting the extensive story of the development and creation of the area’s schools, with illustrations, requires two parts and will conclude next week on April 30.

According to research those lands in 1682, which became Sumter District, were once a part of the expansive Craven County, a portion of the South Carolina colony. Schools and educational facilities in this area did not exist at this juncture. It was noted that by 1706 Craven County had expanded from its original 35 miles inland from the Atlantic shore to almost reach the border of North Carolina. This land was “broken up into parishes which elected representatives who served in the provincial Commons House. What is now Sumter County was included in the St. Mark’s Parish, and



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

by 1740 settlers were gradually infiltrating the area along the eastern side of the Wateree and around Black River in the vicinity of Salem.”
The earliest teachers comprised a number of ministers and Wood Furman, a surveyor, who tutored a large number of eager youngsters. Furman followed his profession while teaching youngsters in High Hills, near Stateburg. The ministers who doubled as schoolmasters were the Rev. Charles Woodmason, of St. Mark’s and the Rev. Dr. Thomas Reese of Salem Black River (Brick Church). Presbyterian members erected a log meeting



Children are seen visiting Brick Church circa 1940s.

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house, the first such structure known constructed in St. Mark’s Parish in 1759, with St. Mark’s having a completed rectory in 1767. “Sometime before 1800 three counties — Claremont, Clarendon and Salem — were formed in this area, and the Sumter District was organized to unite these three counties on the first day of January in 1800. Sumterville had become a village three years before.”
“Little is known of the early schools in Sumterville, according to Gregorie’s ‘History of Sumter County.’ In 1827, Maj. Thomas Theus opened the Sumter Military, Gymnastic and Classical School on Harvin Street. Thomas Baker, Thomas Dugan and John Mayrant seem to have had a share in this enterprise. Cost was not to exceed \$300 a year for each student.” For the girls, Mrs. J. Chester, formerly of New London, Connecticut, announced in the same year that the Young Ladies Seminary would open in Sumterville. Manchester also had a school sometime prior to 1856, and in Lynchburg, the Lynchburg Academy for boys opened in 1856.
During the early days of the Sumter District, many of the first schools were “the old field schools,” or log cabins located on abandoned fields. Most early settlers stipulated

in their wills that their children would be educated. In 1798, the Clarendon Orphan Society was chartered to establish a public school to prevent helpless orphans from growing up illiterate. The South Carolina free-school law was enacted in 1811, and John B. Miller, a member of the Free School Commission for Claremont District, later donated land specifically for the construction of public schools. This land was referred to as “The Greens or Academic Square.”
“In 1857, the report of W.F.B. Haynsworth, secretary-treasurer of the board, shows 52 free schools in the Sumter District with 589 pupils, with eight of these located in Sumter, including the largest with an enrollment of 37. Each pupil was required to pay five cents a day, \$3 a quarter or \$6 a session. The state appropriated \$1,800 with the patrons paying \$796.91, so the total school budget for Sumter District in 1857 was less than \$2,600.”
Throughout the antebellum era, private schools were the mainstay of education. The wealthy plantation owners made extensive use of tutors to educate their children. The three “R’s” was the primary extent of most children’s education. This concept was

taught at numerous academies which flourished at this time. “Among these were Sandville Academy, between Stateburg and Pinckney’s Ferry; Lodebar Academy; Mount Clio Academy, near Salem Black River; Bishopville Academy, Providence, Plowden Mills, Mayesville, Swimming Pens, St. Paul; also, Friendship and Summer-ton Academies.”
“Stateburg, Bradford Springs and Sumterville were particularly favored for boarding schools. Dr. John M. Robert’s Academy near Stateburg received funds from the Baptist State Convention for the education of ministerial students. After his death, Furman Academy was established at Edgefield to carry on this work. Furman soon relocated in the High Hills, then went to Fairfield and finally was chartered in 1850 as Furman University in Greenville.”
Sources for this article are a 1959 story titled “History of Local Schools” by Item writer John Mitchell, and the writings of Cassie Nicholes and Anne King Gregorie. Photos are from The Sumter Item Archives and members of the Sumter community.
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Instruction staff of Sumter Military Academy and Sumter Institute. Top row, from left: Miss Daisye Sarling, Miss Eliza Cooper, Col. Owens, Maj. Bradham Manning and Dr. Hofman. Front row, from left: Mr. Cowper, Miss Mary Wilson, Clifton Moise, Mr. Brailsford, Mr. Buckner and Prof. Chase.



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City to observe Armistice Day; P-15’s win state title

75 YEARS AGO — 1942
Nov. 7 — 13

The Sumter Home Guard unit, Company I.S.C.D.F., will go to Kingstree to take part in fall maneuvers with the other companies of the third battalion. In addition to Sumter, the companies from Kingstree, Georgetown and Manning will take part in the exercises, Capt. R.S. Griffin announced today.

• J. Cliff Brown, well-known insurance man, was named president of the Sumter Kiwanis Club yesterday. Vice presidents elected were Frank Chandler and Frank McLeod. Visitors present



Yesteryear in Sumter
SAMMY WAY

were W.H. Shaw, president of Sumter Rotary Club, and the Rev. Gobe Smith, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church, who has been transferred to the Charleston charge.

• The stores of Sumter will be closed from 10 o'clock to 12:30 Wednesday morning, it was announced, in order that their personnel might witness

the full Armistice Day ceremonies. Employers who are engaged in civilian defense activities will be permitted to leave earlier so that they may take their places in the procession. S.L. Latimer Jr., editor of *The State*, will speak at Edmunds High, and S.L. Roddey, chairman of war bond sales in Sumter County, will address the audience at Lincoln High School.

• In what was described by chief of the city police W.C. Kirven as a drive to break up illicit liquor selling and immoral conduct practices in the “city,” officers made 44 arrests over the weekend. Thirty arrests made by highway patrolmen, State Officer Dollard and rural officers made the grand total of the arrests for the weekend 74, one of the largest numbers recorded in some time.

• All members of Company I.S.C.D.F. have been requested by Capt. R.S. Griffin to meet promptly at 9:30 tomorrow morning at the Claremont Hotel for the Armistice Day parade. All men will wear their gray uniforms with jackets. Guns will be transported to the Claremont Hotel and will be picked up and carried back to the army after the parade.

• Edgar Klarpp, former reporter for the *Sumter Daily Item*, who more recently has held a position at the Navy Yard in Charleston, is now in the service of Uncle Sam. Klarpp enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and is stationed at present at Parris Island.

• R.A.F. pilots taking part in the Armistice Day parade were greeted as they reached the corner of Main and Hamp-

ton streets by a group of nurses from Tuomey Hospital who decorated each with a red carnation. The nurses were in full uniform of their profession, with red-lined navy blue capes, and the ceremony, signifying the unity of the U.S. and Great Britain, was described by witnesses as a most picturesque one.

• Lee Ernest Plowden, mess attendant first class USN, was added to the list of Sumter names missing in action today by the U.S. Navy. In officially making the announcement the Navy listed Plowden's next of kin as his father, Arthur Plowden, of Sumter. The other man reported missing in action, and announced previously by the *Item*, was Ensign Thomas Center Reed Jr., ensign USNR. Another Sumter man was reported wounded in action. He was Willie D. Tomlinson, corporal USMC, and the next of kin was his mother, Mrs. Clanche C. Tomlinson.

• The regular meeting of the Sumter County Red Cross was held on Tuesday evening in the Coca-Cola community room. The chairman, R.H. Tucker, presided, and reports from the various Red Cross services were read. Particularly noteworthy was Mrs. W.A. McElveen's report as executive secretary, that she had handled 243 cases in the last two months. One of the members declared this was a large number considering that in other social agencies 20 cases a month is considered adequate for one worker. It is even more outstanding when one considers that during the whole of 1941 the Sumter chapter was only called upon to handle 40 cases.

50 YEARS AGO — 1967
July 10 — 16

Edwin Campbell, manager of the Loris FCX Service since 1956, has been promoted to regional manager of FCX service stores in eastern and central South Carolina, with headquarters in Sumter.

• “I believe this one was a little bit harder to get,” said a smiling but tired Bernie Jones after someone asked him how this year's championship compared to those his teams have won in the past. Jones wrapped up his fifth loop crown in six years here when Tommy Hall belted a David Scurry pitch over the left field wall for a home run and a 3-2 win over Olanta.

• Representing Sumter at the 12th-annual Beaufort Water Festival and competing for the Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands XII title will be Miss Donna Chapman, Miss Sumter 1967-68. Miss Chapman is one of 25 South Carolina beauty queens entered in the event.

• The Dixie Life Insurance Building, dubbed “the skyscraper” by Sumterites, will not be razed, despite recent rumors concerning the building's future. The

rumors began circulating when three longtime tenants, the Sumter Insurance Agency, Creech Lumber Co. and Bynum Lumber Co., moved their offices from the building. The ground floor is still occupied by the Citizens and Southern National Bank, which plans to continue using the building until December.

• A big 125-lap program, sponsored by the local Sertoma Club, is on tap at Sumter Raceway with many of the season's top stars scheduled to run. The action gets underway with time trials for the late-model main event with jalopy main event to follow. The late-model main event will be a 40-lap affair. Florence's Junior Johnson and Cecil Johnson will have their cars ready to go along with New Zion's Billy Baker, Charleston's Jimmy Hatchell and Eldon Yarborough. Sumter's Robbie Hynes, Dick Poling and Jimmy Allsbrook are also scheduled to run.

• Dr. Raymond Kitchen was honored for 38 years of service, some of it part-time, as a veterinarian with the City-County Health Department. He spent his career enforcing health regulations and giving expert advice to improve and expand the livestock and food-producing industries in the county. He was described as the “best horse doctor the state ever had.”

• Army Sgt. Ben White, son of Mrs. Irene White of Sumter, was reported killed in action in the Vietnam war. The announcement of Sgt. White's death was made by the Defense Department. No further information was available.

• Floyd O. Northrop, outgoing director of the Sumter USO, was honored at a luncheon and board meeting which also met to greet the new USO director, Arnold J. Beatley. Present at the meeting were Mayor Robert E. Graham; Col. Victor J. Sampson, Shaw Air Force Base commander; and Gerald J. Dix, executive vice president of Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

• Robert M. Melton Jr., a former resident, has returned to Sumter to manage the Cablevision system here. Melton has been associated with Cosmos Cablevision for the past two years, serving as sales manager and assistant manager in the Florence Cablevision office.

25 YEARS AGO — 1992
April 10 — 16

A congressional committee is investigating illegal shipments of low-level nuclear waste possibly made to more than 160 non-licensed landfills and incinerators across the United States, including a site in Sumter County — the hazardous waste landfill operated by GSX Services of South Carolina Inc., which is not certified to handle low-level nuclear waste.

• It has been a week since a father and son were shot to death in their family-

owned convenience store, and police say they are not closer to finding their killer. Sumter County Sheriff Tommy Mims said today he has no new information about the fatal shooting of J.W. and Kenneth Andrews, who were killed between 10 and 11 p.m. April 3. Mims asked anyone who may have information about the crime to come forward.

• Six members of the Bushido-Kai of Carolina karate class of Sumter won medals in the South Carolina Junior Olympics competition held at the Harbison Recreation in Columbia. Arthur Richardson won two first-place medals, winning in the sparring and synchronized kata categories. He was also third in kata. Robert Hoffman took a first in sparring, a second in kata and a third in synchronized kata. Thomas Brokaw was first in synchronized kata. Scott Bean was first in sparring, while Nick Parker took second in both sparring and kata. Joseph Ardis finished fourth in sparring.

• William Ray Alexander Jr. has been elected chairman of the National Bank of South Carolina's Bishopville Advisory Board. NBSC's local board members serve as advisers to the bank of the business climate and banking needs of each market NBSC serves. Alexander has been a member of the Bishopville Advisory Board since 1966.

• Bruce Peace is the new manager of the Wal-Mart store in Sumter. Peace recently relocated to the Sumter area from Whiteville, North Carolina, where he served as a Wal-Mart store manager. Peace has been with the company since March of 1986. The Sumter Wal-Mart which opened in July 1981 is one of 48 in the state. Peace and his wife, Chris, have two children, Stephanie and Amy.

• For nearly a decade, a parade of distinguished poets, novelists and short-story writers have visited University of South Carolina Sumter through what has become a time-honored tradition — the Writers Forum. The forum, which is funded by the S.C. Arts Commission and USC Sumter (through its Program Review Committee), offers Sumter-area residents the unique experience of hearing authors and poets discuss their original literary works.

• Sumter School District 2 trustees would be elected from seven single-member districts beginning this fall under a reapportionment plan being finalized by the county's legislative delegation. The delegation had been expected to redraw the trustees' current three, double-member districts but was not expected to switch the board to single-member districts. Local governments, including school districts, must redraw election districts every 10 years after the census is taken to reflect population shifts.

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Dan Geddings is seen with his Shoot Yo Leg gobbler.

The story of Shoot Yo Leg

I sat bolt upright on the couch, wide awake. It was pitch black dark in the clubhouse, with only a very faint glow in the windows from the moon. Feeling around on the floor by the couch, I found my boots and retrieved a small penlight from the toe of one. The little light illuminated the room enough to help me find the box



Dan Geddings

of matches and light one of the old-timey oil lamps on the big table. I'd gotten dressed by the time Clayton's alarm went off. I walked outside to look at the sky. There was a half moon overhead, and it was hazy. No stars were showing. It was cool but not uncomfortable. Then I noticed headlights coming down the long driveway. I walked back inside and told Clayton, "Get up, we've got company." He just groaned. I walked over to the small table in the corner and lit another lamp. Looking out the window, I saw the pickup pulling in with a trailer and four-wheeler. "Don't worry," I told him, "it's Mr. Bill." I was glad to see him walk in the door. Sign-in starts at 5 o'clock, and I was anxious to get started. "Go ahead and sign in, Mr. Bill — it's five," I told him. "No you go," he said. "Is there anywhere in particular you want to go today?" I asked. "No, you sign in first, then I'll think of somewhere to go," he answered. "I want to sign out Shoot Yo Leg," then added, "I'll also sign out a portion of Ridge Road so

I can park there and walk in to Shoot Yo Leg Road." It's been a favorite place of mine at the club, until this year. The new timber company owners clear cut a huge amount of the place. One of the other turkey hunters, Billy McCubbins, called me back in the summer. "It's going to hurt your heart, but I have to tell you, they're cutting Shoot Yo Leg." I killed my first turkey on this club in the big hardwoods of Shoot Yo Leg. Nobody else hunted it very much because it flooded and was hard to get into. The "Pretty Place" was there, and the "Upper Swamp." Now it looked more like a war zone. Only a small parcel was left standing. Too wet for the big machines. The name came when a former member got careless practicing his quick draw skills with a pistol on a deer drive. Mr. Bill decided on River Road and the top end of Ridge Road. We wouldn't be hunting too far apart. After talking for a while, we wished each other luck and headed out. Our walk from Ridge Road would be a long one through heavy timber and wet conditions. I would use the light only sparingly. We needed to get to our destination well before daylight and without making too much noise. Thankfully it was too cool to worry very much about snakes, and even the mosquitoes weren't bad. We stopped in a clearing to wait on the dawn, and the eastern sky was just getting lighter. Hopefully a gobbler would sound off nearby, and we'd know which way to go. Orange, pink and yellow lit up the horizon and streamed sunlight down through the emerald green woods. The beauty of it when you have the time to stand there and soak it all in is almost incomprehensible. Then a sound brought me back. A gobble!

He was back across a big cutover toward Ridge Road, where we had just come from. Forty-five minutes of hard walking. "Maybe another one will gobble closer," I told Clayton. The turkey didn't gobble but a few times, and no others sounded off. It was decision time. Clayton wanted to take the big cut down out to Shoot Yo Leg Road, and I wanted to head back to Ridge. We laughed that we'd have him surrounded, then wished each other luck and headed out. It only took 15 minutes to walk back to Ridge in the daylight. On the road, I slowed my pace and walked as quietly as possible, scanning the hard-packed sand for tracks. I watched the road ahead intently, and stopping occasionally called softly. A creek crossed the road ahead, and I wouldn't go beyond it. At the creek, I yelled on my box call and got an immediate gobble from deep in the swamp. My spirits soared! Almost frantically I looked for a place to sit down, but there was too much water. Finally, I found a tree 20 yards from the road with not much cover, but it offered good visibility. He had already gobbled again on his own — closer. When I sat down I yelled, and he cut me off with a gobble. It was happening fast. I got my gun up and started scanning the woods. My heart was pounding! Then I saw him coming — a big longbeard running toward me through the canes and little green bushes. The shot was pure instinct, and I can hardly remember it. Clayton heard my shot and war whoop from Shoot Yo Leg — and smiled.

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S.C. DNR boosts oyster shell recycling efforts

BY S.C. DNR

Recycling oyster shells just got easier for residents of Beaufort County. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources staff and partners recently constructed a new oyster shell drop-off bin at the Edgar Glenn Boat Landing in the shadow of the Chechessee River Bridge, the sixth such site in Beaufort County. "With this new public oyster drop-off located directly between Beaufort and Bluffton, we're thrilled to provide an opportunity for the public to recycle their oyster shells in this area, which before was a difficult task," said Ben Dyar, who oversees the agency's oyster recycling and planting program.

The drop-off is located on Highway 170 on the same side of the road as the boat ramps. The bin is a wooden, three-sided bin in the parking lot near the foot of the bridge, Dyar said.

The new location was funded with donations from Toadfish Outfitters, an oyster knife, fishing gear, and apparel company that has committed to contributing a portion of every product sold to oyster reef rebuilding efforts.

We're pleased to be working with Toadfish Outfitters on this drop-off location and look forward to more to come," Dyar said.

SCDNR shellfish staff completed the build in early April 2017 with funding from Toadfish Outfitters.

Recycling oyster shells is a win-win for South Carolina's environment and economy. Oysters are nature's water filters, cleaning up to 50 gallons of water a day per oyster. Oyster reefs also provide excellent erosion control and habitat for countless other marine animals, including popular game fish, shrimp, and blue crabs, all of which start out their lives under the protection afforded by oyster reefs.

Every year, SCDNR staff plant tens of thousands of bushels of shell along the coast to rebuild

'Whether you're steaming singles for your family or roasting bushels for a crowd, help S.C. DNR rebuild reefs and keep South Carolina's coast healthy by recycling your shells.'

the state's oyster reefs. In 2016, those rebuilding efforts covered over two miles of shoreline. Recycled oyster shell is the best material for rebuilding reefs – but shell can be hard to come by and expensive to purchase. The disappearance of commercial oyster canneries and rise in the popularity of backyard oyster roasts has resulted in a constant shortage of available shell to plant.

That's where the public can help. Whether you're steaming singles for your family or roasting bushels for a crowd, help SCDNR rebuild reefs and keep South Carolina's coast healthy by recycling your shells.

More than 30 drop-off sites across the state offer a convenient way to recycle oyster shells, and a limited number of temporary bins are available for large events. In addition to collecting shell from the public, S.C. DNR staff work with 30 restaurants in the Charleston area to recycle their oyster shells.

Find a drop-off site or participating restaurant near you.

Don't like the taste of oysters but love the benefits they provide? You can still help support this work by purchasing a \$10 saltwater fishing license, a portion of which goes to shell recycling each year, or joining a volunteer day with SCORE, the agency's community-based oyster habitat restoration program.

TIPS FOR RECYCLING YOUR OYSTER SHELLS

The oyster shell public drop-off is located at the Edgar Glenn Boat Landing at the Chechessee River Bridge on Highway 170. The drop-off bin is on the same side of the road as the boat ramps. The bin is a wooden three sided bin in the parking lot near the foot of the bridge. .

DO bring your shell to the nearest shell recycling center. Maps are available online. If a center is not shown near you, please call 843-953-9397.

DO separate shell from trash. Shell mixed with trash (including shell in bags or containers) is not suitable for recycling. Provide separate containers at your events for shells and trash.

DON'T put live or freshly shucked oysters in South Carolina waters. If the oysters you purchased were harvested outside South Carolina, it is illegal to place them in SC waters. Placing live oysters in our waters can create environmental problems and may harm local oysters or other animals. To avoid contamination, shell should be recycled to SCDNR and properly quarantined for six months.www.nameofsite.com.



S.C. DNR

A new oyster shell recycling drop-off sits in the shadow of the Chechessee River Bridge in Beaufort County.

FISHING REPORTS

SANTEE-COOPER SYSTEM (3/31)

Santee Cooper water levels are at 74.71 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 74.48 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5). Water conditions are extremely clear for Santee and temperatures range from the mid-60s all the way up to the lower 70s. In catfish news, Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) reports that the big blue catfish have turned on in the Santee Cooper lakes. In a scouting trip on Wednesday he fished areas that historically have produced big fish for him at this time of year, and in 3-12 feet of water he caught a 24-pound fish as well as three more over 30 pounds. Drifting cut shad has been the ticket. On the crappie front, skyrocketing water temperatures mean that the crappie spawn is winding down and will very soon be pretty much over. The best fishing has moved back out to brush, and Captain Steve English's (843-729-4044) boat caught some fish in shallower brush piles this morning. However, they have had the best luck catching white crappie 20-22 feet down over brush in about 30 feet of water. In the lower lake Steve reports that he has been up shallow looking for bream, but there have not been a lot of signs of shellcracker (which usually move up first) shallow. They are still catching fish in the lower lake around deeper brush. LAKE WATEREE (4/4) Lake Waterree is at 97.4 percent of full pool, and water temperatures are in the mid- to upper-60s. Prior to the rain last night conditions were clearer than usual. Catching bass on Lake Waterree is not a problem right now, and

tournament angler Dearal Rodgers of reports that you can just run down the bank in typical spawning areas and catch plenty of fish. They are in pockets and around docks, timber and other cover, and just throwing a floating worm in pockets or a jig/shakey head worm around docks will generate plenty of bites. As for catching big fish, though, it's tougher. Dearal believes that most of the fish are spawning or post-spawn by now, with a lesser number still pre-spawn. Tournament weights are down, and while there are some reports of big fish spawning around grass tournament weights indicate that most anglers are having trouble finding the big girls – while doing a good job catching 2-3 pounders and below. While the big bass have been a little tricky to locate on Wateree, for most anglers this is the peak time of the year for crappie fishing as fish are pretty much in the middle of the spawn. Veteran tournament angler Will Hinson of Cassatt reports that fish are scattered all over the lake and hungry, and pretty much any pattern you run in less than 16 feet of water can be productive. There's not much going on deeper than that. Some fish are being caught against the banks, some are being caught around docks, some are being found around bridges, and some are about halfway back in the creeks. If you're favorite way to fish is to cast a minnow or jig to shallow cover you can do that, particularly in the backs of coves where fish are lining the banks. If you'd rather cast under docks the best docks have been on the main lake, while some fish are around docks in coves and pockets. If you want to fish multiple rods then long-line trolling jigs tipped with minnows in 6-14 feet of water in the middle to back of creeks is probably the most productive pattern. Will advises that fish won't be found everywhere, and it can be a little spot-specific, but if you keep on looking you should catch fish right now. This period should last for about another week or two.

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F/T HVAC Service Tech position available. Gene's Heating & Air, LLC, Requirements:
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• Reliable attendance & punctuality
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Email resume to: geneshvaca@frc-i.net

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Experienced Trailer switcher needed 3 days a week in Sumter. Must have current CDL, 5 years experience, clean driving record. Call 803-938-2708 leave message with your experience M-F 9am-3pm.

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36 W. Liberty St. Sumter, SC

Sumter School District

Public Budget Hearing

FY 2018 General Operating Budget

May 8, 2017

Oakland Primary School

5415 Oakland Drive

Sumter, SC 29154

In compliance with Section 6-1-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Sumter School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2017 at Oakland Primary School to receive input on the proposed 2017-2018 General Fund Operating Budget and General Operations ad valorum millage. The Board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with public comments being received at that time.

FY 2016-2017 Current General Fund Budget

General Fund Budget: \$126,984,986

General Fund Operating Mills Levied: 160.12

FY 2017-2018 Proposed General Fund Budget

General Fund Proposed Budget: \$131,181,860

General Fund Proposed Mills: 160.12

General Operations: The projected millage rate for General Operations for 2017-2018 is 160.12. The District is currently not asking for a millage increase. The proposed percentage change in the estimated operating budgets between the current fiscal year and the proposed budget is an increase of 1.03%.

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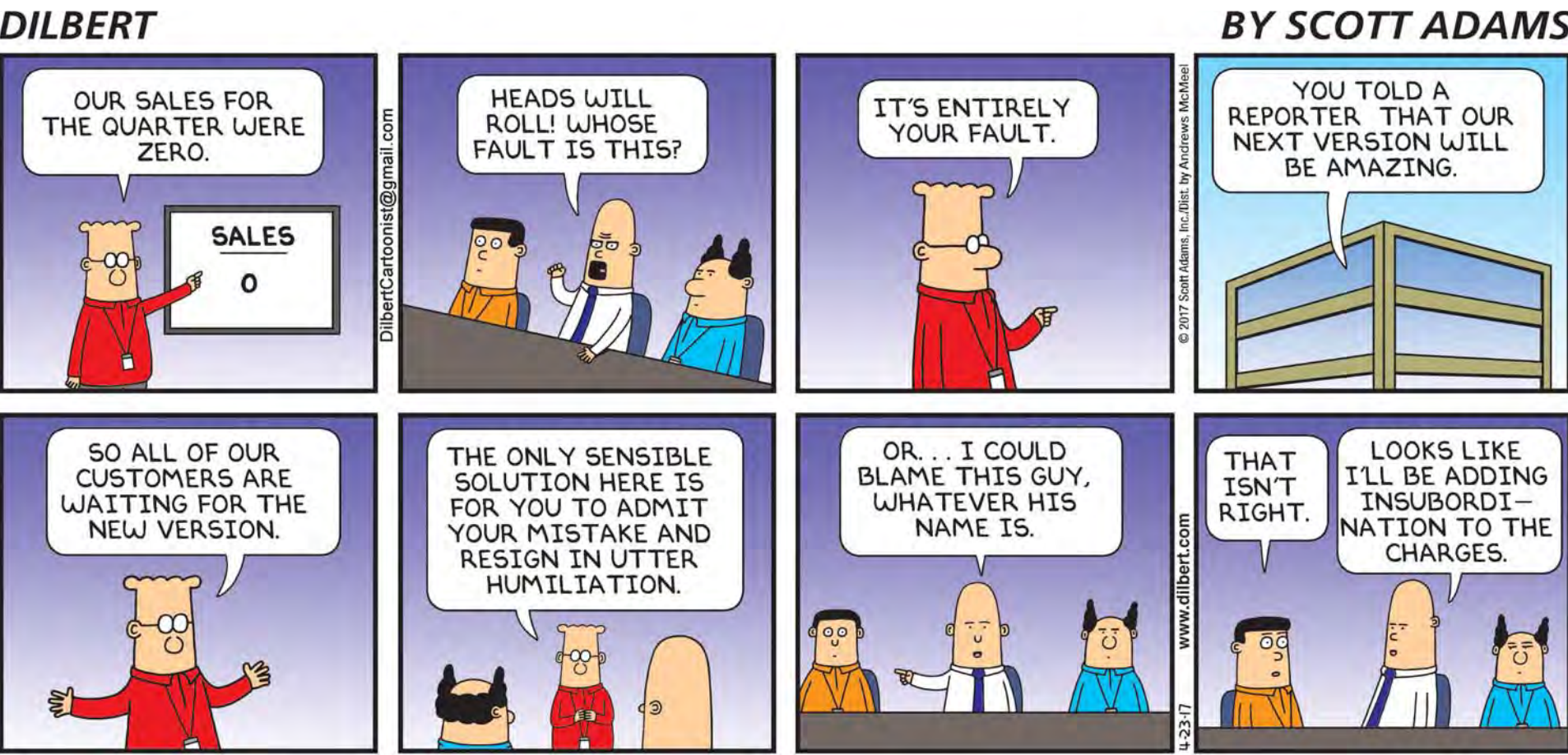
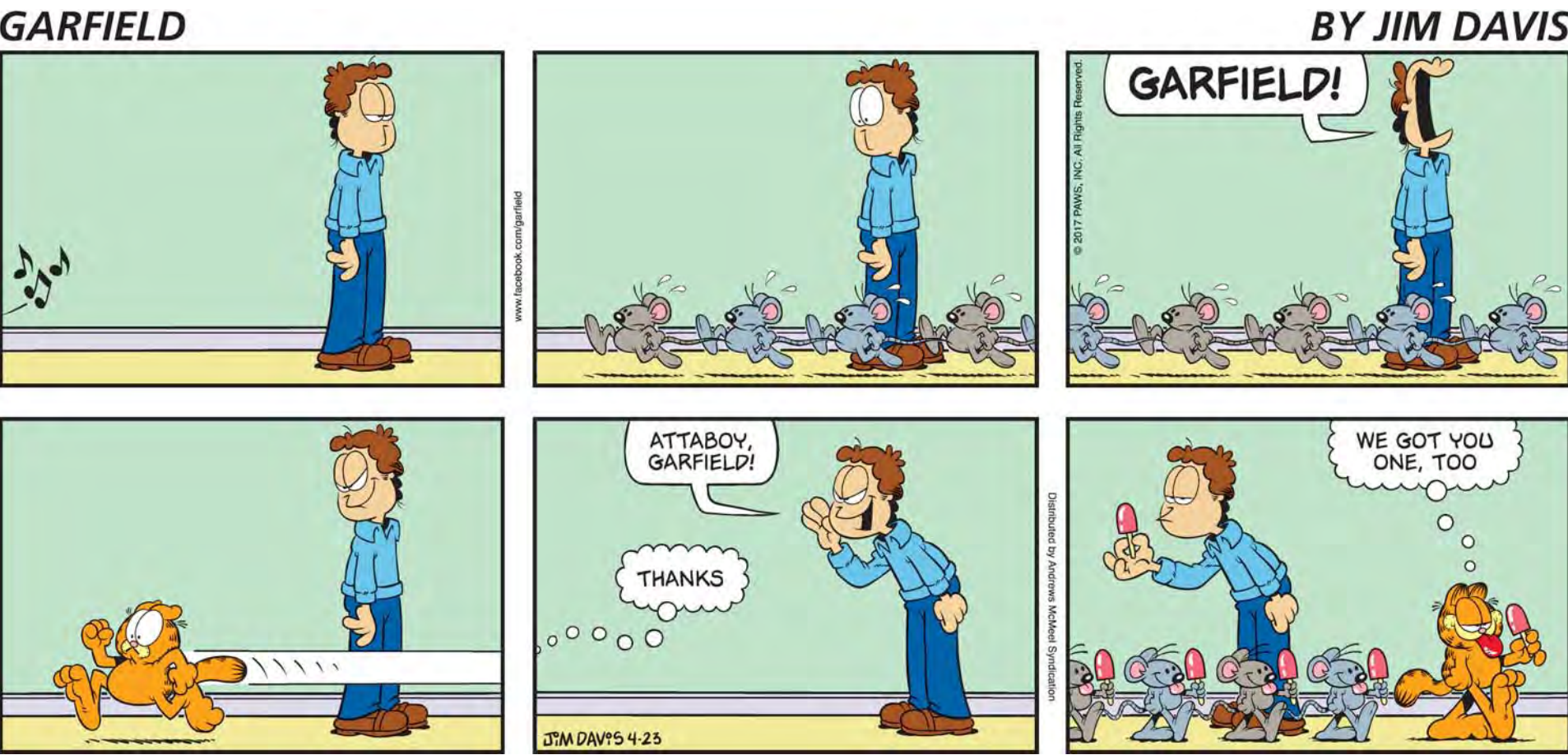
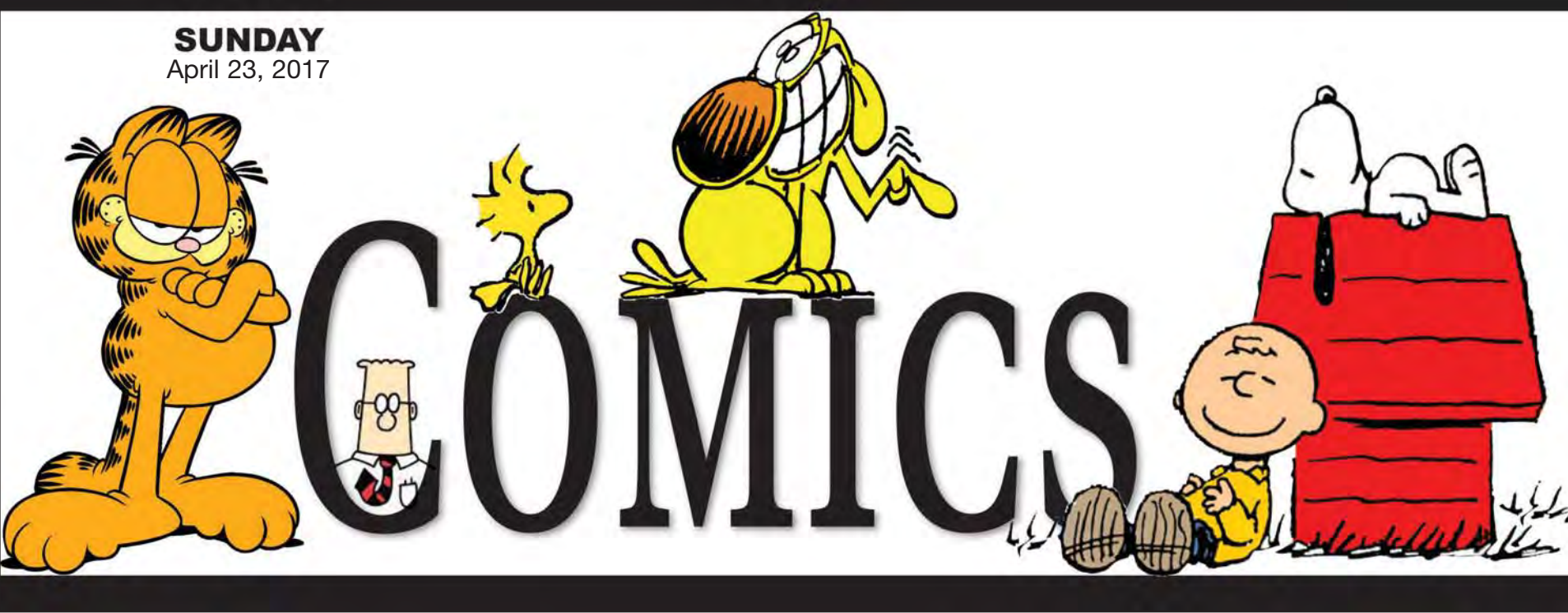
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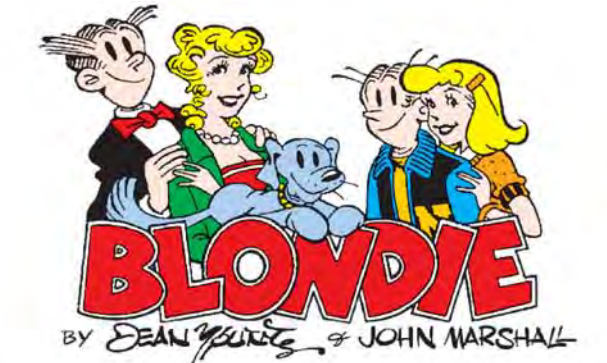
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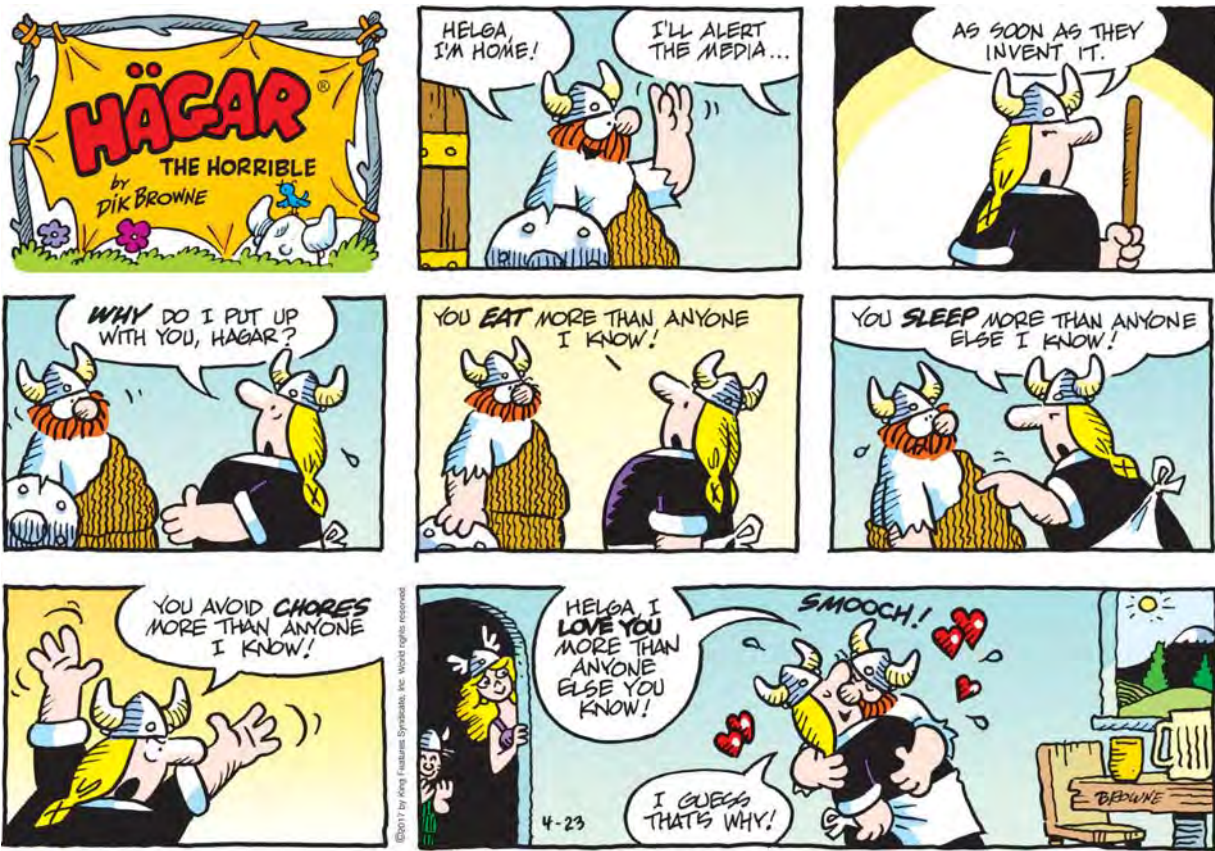
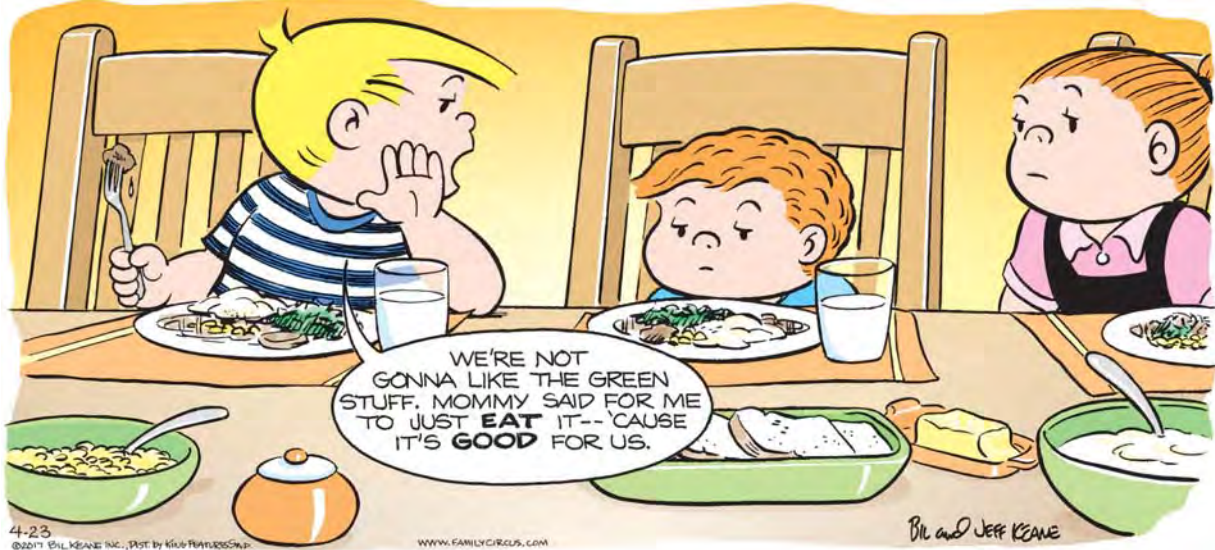
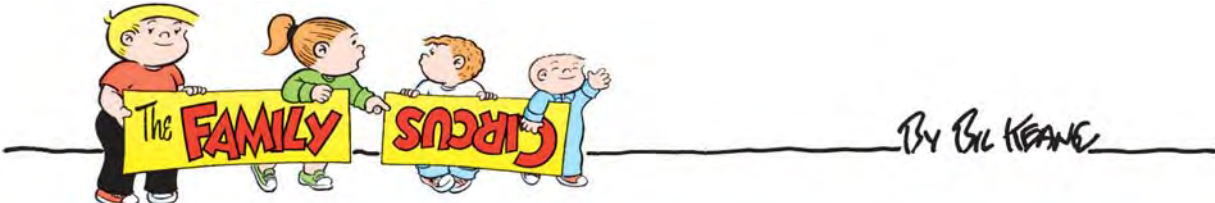
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BY JOHN McPHERSON



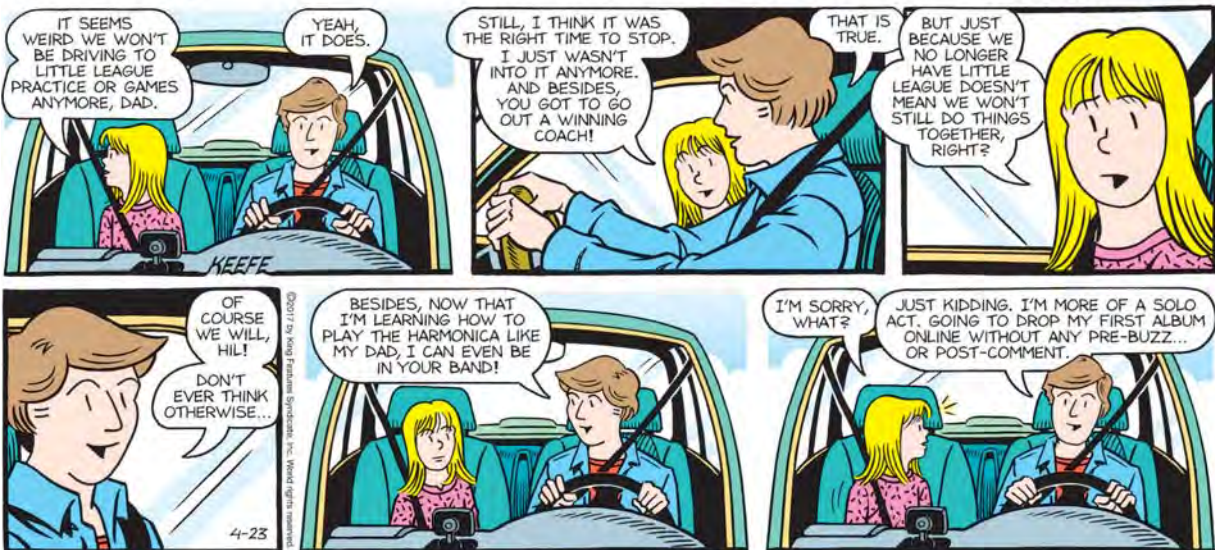
FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



Doodles
By Foote & Sacko

Find 7 'SOAP's!

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P	O	S	O	A	S	O	P	O
S	A	P	A	P	O	A	S	A
O	P	A	S	O	A	P	O	P
S	A	O	P	S	P	O	A	P
S	O	A	P	S	O	P	P	A

WHEN IT'S TIME TO TAKE A SHOWER, I RELY ON ELEPHANT POWER!

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THE DRUM TOOK A NAP BECAUSE IT WAS BEAT.

Draw!!



DRAW AN ELEPHANT!

Riddles!!!

Q. WHY DID THE GIRL TAKE A RULER TO BED?
A. TO SEE HOW LONG SHE SLEPT.
Jan Gleason, Maple Lake, MN

Q. WHAT DID TENNESSEE?
A. THE SAME THING ARKANSAS.
Tyler Edwards, Destin, FL



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Base of phone is larger. 2. Bun is smaller. 3. Hat is taller. 4. Hair is longer. 5. Necklace is added. 6. Back of chair is taller.

FRANK AND ERNEST

ERNIE, IN THIS INTERVIEW PROMOTING YOUR SPACE TOURS, YOU DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE THE FIRST TEST ROCKET WAS VAPORIZED IN A HUGE LAUNCH PAD EXPLOSION.

I SAID "THE FIRST TEST YIELDED SPECTACULAR RESULTS!"

SPACE TOURS

THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT YOUR LACK OF A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE OXYGEN FOR THE TRAVELERS.

I INFORMED PEOPLE "THE EXPERIENCE WILL LEAVE YOU BREATHLESS!"

LOTS OF YOUR TECHNOLOGY IS STRAIGHT OUT OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY!

I SAID "COME BE A PIONEER!"

IT SEEMS MOST OF YOUR COMPANY'S EFFORT WENT INTO THIS CONTRACT THAT PROTECTS YOU FROM THE FIERY ANGER OF CUSTOMERS WHEN THEY REALIZE THEY'VE BEEN CONNED.

AND THAT'S WHY I SAID "WE'VE CRAFTED AN IMPENETRABLE HEAT SHIELD!"

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

LOOK, GRIMM, IT'S A DOG FETCHING MACHINE

THUMP...

SEE, NOW YOU CAN PLAY FETCH ANYTIME YOU WANT

GREAT, WAIT HERE

SEE, NOW YOU CAN FETCH YOUR OWN SLIPPERS ANYTIME YOU WANT

THUMP THUMP

Wizard of ID

by parker and hart

I HAVE TO TAKE CONFESSION TODAY

GOOD LUCK WITH ALL THAT

BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED

OH, NO

AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK WHAT I'VE DONE?

*SIGH, I SUPPOSE...

PLEASE HOLD ON ONE SECOND

40 MINUTES LATER...

OKAY. SAY ONE OUR FATHER AND A HAIL MARY

NOW, GO.. YOU... ARE... *SIGH FORGIVEN

I TAKE IT YOU RECOGNIZED THE KING'S VOICE

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

PUNCH BUG!

OW!

THERE WAS NO BUG OUT THERE!

MY BAD.

CHUCK MUG.

OUCH COUCH.

BUCKY, YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE COUCH FR-

OW!

OK, HURTING CURTAIN!

RF!

CLOCK CLOCK!

TUG PLUG!

OW! STAMP LAMP!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

I FOUND THIS UNSCRATCHED INSTANT LOTTERY TICKET ON THE SIDEWALK, RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE!

REALLY? THIS MUST BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!

RIGHT? LET'S FIND OUT!

WELL? WHAT DOES IT SAY? DID YOU WIN SOMETHING?

NO-IT SAYS I OWE FIVE DOLLARS!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

THANKS FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR CLASS TODAY. CONTINUE TO STUDY HARD...

AND I'M SURE MOST OF YOU WILL GO ON TO BECOME FINE, HARD-WORKING, UPSTANDING, LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS ...

AND THE REST WILL GO INTO POLITICS.

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

DID YOU BRING ENOUGH BAIT ?

GOT IT COVERED.

READY FOR A JAMPACKED DAY OF FISHING EXCITEMENT ?

OH, YEAH!

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FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

SLAM!

WE FEEL PRETTY FAWFUL ABOUT THE BIG FIGHT WE HAD THIS MORNING, HONEY. SO DO I.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT?

I ALREADY DID.

...TODAY WAS SHOW AN' TELL.

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARTHA!!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CAKE, ALICE!!

MAKE A WISH, MRS. WILSON!

I WANTED TO PUT A CANDLE FOR EACH YEAR...

...BUT WE ONLY HAD ONE BOXFUL

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

GOOD MORNING, MISS BUXLEY

UH-OH, I KNOW THAT LOOK

THERE HE IS LOAFING AT HIS DESK WHILE HIS MEN ARE OUT LEARNING HOW TO WIN WARS

YOU'RE A MILITARY GENIUS, SIR!

YOUR LEADERSHIP INSPIRES US ALL!

GREG+ MORT WALKER

I RANK YOU AMONG THE GREATEST GENERALS OF ALL TIME!

YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO POLISH THE BRASS!

YES, I DO, SIR!

WHEN YOU GET THOSE ALL SHINY, YOU CAN WAX MY CAR

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