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Annual drive is now 'Shower Shaw with Goodies'

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Mayor McElveen presides over final council meeting

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The echo of the gavel Tuesday marked more than the end of Sumter City Council's meeting.

This time, it resembled curtains closing on a chapter of Sumter history followed by a standing ovation for Sumter's 20-year mayor and 12-year Ward 2 representative.

Mayor Joe McElveen and Councilwoman Ione Dwyer attended their final council meeting on Tuesday at the Sumter Opera House auditorium.

"Thank you for the time working with you," City Manager Deron Mc-

Cormick said. "We appreciate your leadership and kindness to everyone."

McElveen is the city's longest-serving mayor and brought an abundance of experience to local government, which included 10 years in the state House of Representatives and as member of Sumter City Council from 1984 to 1986.

Dwyer served three terms as the representative of the city's Ward 2 since 2008.

"It's been a pleasure for me to serve on Sumter City Council," Dwyer said. "I can remember when I was a little

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ABOVE: Mayor Joe McElveen gaveling his last meeting of Sumter City Council after 20 years in the post. David Merchant, far right, won the runoff election Tuesday night to become Sumter's new mayor.

BELOW: Members of Sumter City Council on stage and city staff in the audience applaud McElveen after he concludes his final council meeting as mayor.



2020: Year of the tiny turkey

Experts weigh in on Thanksgiving staple and COVID-19 trends

BY BRUCE MILLS
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From news outlets across the country to two state agricultural officials right here in South Carolina, many people are expecting 2020 will be the year of the small turkey for Thanksgiving. Given the COVID-19

pandemic, many expect more small gatherings, more families eating at home and less travel for the Thanksgiving holiday next week. Those factors translate to a trend for smaller turkeys on people's tables.

Clemson University Extension Agribusiness Economist Nathan Smith told *The Sumter Item* on Wednesday he

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DID YOU KNOW?

Per-capita consumption of turkey nearly doubled for Americans in the 1980s and peaked at 14.4 pounds per person in 1996, according to Mark Jordan, executive director of LEAP Market Analytics in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The rise was attributed to better technology for carving breast meat. However, interest in turkey has been falling, thanks in part to price increases five years ago when flocks were hit by bird flu. Annual consumption is now about 12 pounds, Jordan said. According to Clemson Agribusiness Economist Nathan Smith, decreases are also due to substitution demand, for example with chicken.

Source: USA Today

POLL OF THE WEEK

This week, we asked Sumter readers what their plans for Thanksgiving are this year. See the results on A2.

A look at COVID-19 in the tri-county: Virus still a threat

BY KAREEM WILSON
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The tri-county has been through quite a whirlwind these past few months with coronavirus cases surging since October.

For Sumter, Clarendon and

Lee counties, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have risen since the pandemic starting surging again. While Lee County has a low two-week incidence rate at 178 per 100,000 population as of Wednesday, both Sumter and Clarendon counties are classi-

fied as high incidence rates with Sumter at 269 per 100,000 and Clarendon at 207 per 100,000.

Now that Thanksgiving is less than a week away, here's how each county stood at the first half of November with cases, deaths and hospitaliza-

tion rates.

SUMTER COUNTY

During the summer, the state health agency observed a rise in cases and hospitalizations. The county has an 8.3% hospitalization rate as of Wednesday, second in the tri-

county behind Clarendon County, and its cases have fluctuated since peaking at the end of July but are steadily rising since October. Like most counties in South Carolina, cases in Sumter rose rapidly

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STILL SEASONABLE

Plenty of sunshine; clear and chilly tonight
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Sumter officers, Duke Energy explain common COVID-19 scams

BY SHELBY GOULDING
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Duke Energy and the Sumter Police Department collaborated with utilities across North America to bring awareness to and educate the public on criminal scam tactics for the fifth-annual Utility Scam Awareness Day.

The annual Utility Scam Awareness Day, which was Tuesday, was created by Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS), a consortium of nearly 150 U.S. and Canadian electric, water and natural gas companies and their respective trade associations.

It is part of a week-long International Scam Awareness Week, an advocacy and awareness campaign focused on educating utility customers and exposing the tactics used by scammers.

“As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it’s absolutely critical to remind all utility customers to beware of impostors attempting to scam them,” said Theo Lane, government and community relations manager for Duke Energy. “We’ve made great progress as an industry in getting the word out the past

few years, and the numbers continue to improve. But we must continue to keep our customers informed and aware so they don’t become the next victims. Together, we can stop scams.”

Duke Energy — a founding member of UUAS — and other member companies have seen an increase in scam attempts appearing to take advantage of the uncertainty of the pandemic. In addition to the frequent impostor scam, some new tactics include bogus COVID-19 references to steal personal information.

“This type of crime most often targets our elderly population through fear and deception,” Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark said. “The more we educate people about utility scams and other methods of fraud, we can reduce the number of senior adults and others who may fall vulnerable.”

Though impostors continue to target utility customers, UUAS members and partners have succeeded in taking nearly 9,400 scam telephone numbers out of operation, said Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the Sumter Police

COMMON SCAM TACTICS INCLUDE:

- **Threat to disconnect.** Scammers may aggressively tell customers their utility bill is past due, and service will be disconnected — usually within an hour — if a payment is not made.
- **Request for immediate payment.** Scammers may instruct a customer to purchase a prepaid card, cryptocurrency or to send funds via a mobile app to make a bill payment.
- **Request for prepaid card or using certain mobile apps.** Customers are instructed to pay with a prepaid debit card. The impostor asks for the prepaid card’s number, which grants instant access to the card’s funds. More recently, customers have also been instructed to send a payment through a mobile app. Duke Energy currently does not accept payments through the Cash App, Venmo or Zelle apps. However, customers can make payments on Duke Energy’s mobile app available in the Apple App Store for iOS and the Google Play Store for Android.
- **Personal information.** During the COVID-19 crisis, criminals are promising to mail refund checks for overpayments on their accounts if they can confirm their personal data, including birthdays and, in some cases, Social Security numbers. Duke Energy will apply refunds as a credit to customers’ accounts and will not contact customers to verify personal information by

phone, email or in person in order to mail a check.

Protect yourself:

- **Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service interruption.** Utility companies do not specify how customers should make a bill payment and always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including online payments, phone payments, automatic bank drafts, mail or in person.
- **If someone threatens immediate service interruption, customers should be aware.** Customers with past-due accounts receive multiple advance notices, typically by mail and in their regular monthly bill. Utilities will never notify of a disconnection in one hour or less.
- **If customers suspect someone is trying to scam them, they should hang up, delete the email or shut the door.** The utility should be contacted immediately at the number on the most recent monthly bill or on the utility’s official website, not the phone number the scammer provides. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

Visit www.duke-energy.com/stopscams for more information, or contact the Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Department.

When the UUAS campaign started in 2016, more than 9% of Duke Energy customers who reported scams lost money, and so far, less than 3% have reported falling for

scams this year, McGirt said.

In the first 10 months of 2020, Duke Energy had about 3,800 customers in South Carolina report scam attempts. Of these customers, 121 paid the scammers,

which resulted in nearly \$95,000 lost.

Across all states served by Duke Energy — the Carolinas, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana — that number is nearly \$400,000.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ragin Preparatory to host Thanksgiving drive-through, giveaway Friday afternoon

Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy will be hosting a Thanksgiving community family dinner and cleaning supplies giveaway drive-through on Friday afternoon at the school, 68 Market St.

The Thanksgiving dinner feast is held annually by the school, and it will mark the academy’s third cleaning supplies giveaway this year. Friday’s drive-through event will be from 3 to 7 p.m.

Founded in 2014 by Shawn Ragin, Ragin Preparatory currently has 71 students in its K-12 program and 13 in its child-care center program.

Vendors holding 10th-annual Silver Bells show this weekend

The 10th-annual Silver Bells Arts and Crafts Show will be set up at the American Legion Building on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22, offering a one-stop shop for your holiday gifting.

Browse nearly 60 vendors offering local, handmade items including food, embroidery, paintings, jewelry, quilts, woodworking, art and other Christmas gifts.

Organizers will be accepting donations for Toys for Tots, and for every three non-perishable food items you bring, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. The donations support Sumter United Ministries.

Sponsored by KATS Special Kneads Animal Shelter, there will be Tiffany Davis Photography and Hodges Concessions on hand between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and between noon and 4 p.m. Sunday. Santa will visit between noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, and families can purchase 5x7 photos with Santa for \$5.

The event is located at 30 Artillery Drive in Sumter. Parking and admission are free.

Shower Shaw adjusts for pandemic

‘Goodies’ to replace cookies

BY IVY MOORE
Arts and culture contributor

The 28-year tradition of Shower Shaw with Cookies program will carry on but with a slight adjustment caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The program that provides Christmas cheer and shows the community’s gratitude to Shaw Air Force Base’s service personnel has traditionally gifted homemade cookies to them. This December, however, Sumter Volunteers Inc., the Sumter community and the Shaw Spouses’ Club will sponsor “Shower Shaw with Goodies.”

Cleo Klopfleisch, chairwoman of the Shaw Spouses’ Club, said this

year’s effort aims to gift 300 Air Force and Army members.

“We’re asking organizations — nonprofit, for profit, churches, businesses, clubs, civic organizations and individuals — to donate items from a list of 10 goodies,” she said.

These items comprise candy canes, plain candy kisses, microwave popcorn, mini bags of pretzels or cookies, Lifesavers, granola bars, small bags of mixed nuts, small bottles of hand sanitizers and face masks. The list can be found at <https://bit.ly/2HcGEY4>, where donors can sign up and see which items are still needed. Those without access to the internet can call Klopfleisch at (803) 406-2177.

Items can be dropped off at the Heart of Sumter Association, 207

Mason Croft Drive, where a box will be placed on the porch, or from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the American Legion Fair Memorial Building located at 30 S. Artillery Drive.

The club and Sumter Volunteers Inc. will sort the items and place them in bags for distribution at the American Legion, where Shaw personnel will pick them up for transport to the base.

Klopfleisch said donations of money will also be appreciated so the volunteers can purchase needed items. Donated items should be individually store wrapped, and “bulk boxes of items are greatly appreciated,” she said.

For more information about Shower Shaw with Goodies, call Klopfleisch at (803) 406-2177.

Poll of the week



What are your Thanksgiving plans?

- Nothing this year 34% | 48 VOTES
- Getting together with family/friends but in smaller numbers this year 32% | 45 VOTES
- Hosting family/friends 21% | 29 VOTES
- Traveling to see family/friends 9% | 13 VOTES
- Holding a Zoom or other socially distanced get together 4% | 5 VOTES

Next week’s question: How many times have you gotten tested for COVID-19?

- 0
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10+

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Trump pays \$3M for recount of 2 counties in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — President Donald Trump filed Wednesday for a recount of Wisconsin's two most Democratic counties, paying the required \$3 million cost and alleging that they were the sites of the "worst irregularities" although no evidence of illegal activity has been presented.

The recounts in Milwaukee and Dane counties could begin as soon as today and must be done by Dec. 1. Democrat Joe Biden received 577,455 votes in those two counties compared with 213,157 for Trump. Biden won statewide by 20,608 votes, based on canvassed results submitted by the counties.

"The official canvass results reaffirmed Joe Biden's clear and resounding win in Wisconsin after Wisconsin voters turned out to cast their ballots in record numbers," said Biden campaign spokesman Nate Evans. "A cherry-picked and selective recounting of Milwaukee and Dane County will not change these results."

Milwaukee County is the state's largest, home to the city of Milwaukee, and Black people make up about 27% of the population, more than any other county. Dane County is home to the liberal capital city of Madison and the flagship University of Wisconsin campus.

"The people of Wisconsin deserve to know whether their election processes worked in a legal and transparent way,"

said Wisconsin attorney Jim Troupis, who is working with the Trump campaign. "Regrettably, the integrity of the election results cannot be trusted without a recount in these two counties and uniform enforcement of Wisconsin absentee ballot requirements. We will not know the true results of the election until only the legal ballots cast are counted."

Dean Knudson, a Republican member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, said Trump raised "significant legal questions that have never been adjudicated in Wisconsin."

But a fellow commission member, Democrat Mark Thomsen, said Trump was trying to change the rules of the election after he lost, but only in two counties.

"That's like losing the Super Bowl and then saying 'I want a review of a certain play using different rules than what applied to the rest of the game,'" Thomsen said. "That is the essence of hypocrisy and cheating and dishonesty."

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, a Democrat, rejected the Trump campaign's assertion that there were any problems in the two counties.

"This is an attack on cities, on minorities, on places that have historically voted Democratic," Barrett said. "Don't let anyone fool you that this is about irregularities."

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during the summer with the highest weekly case count at nearly 400 on July 25.

Also on July 25, deaths also reached the highest reported deaths per week in the county with nine.

CLARENDON COUNTY

Cases have fluctuated in the last eight months. Clarendon County has consistently had among the highest hospitalization rates in South Carolina, sitting at 13% and 164 reported hospitalizations as of Wednesday, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Around late April, coronavirus cases in Clarendon surged for the first time before slowing down until summer arrived. Then, cases steadily kept rising, reaching their peak at the end of July.

After a slow and steady few months, the seven-day moving average is beginning to increase again from a low in October.

For coronavirus-related deaths, the county's hospital was overwhelmed with patients and deaths early in the pandemic between April

25 and May 2.

LEE COUNTY

Although Lee County is a small county, it has not been exempt from the spread of the virus. The county had a hospitalization rate of 10.5% as of Wednesday and has consistently had one of the highest rates of new confirmed COVID-19 infections in the state.

Coronavirus cases rose in late May and again at the beginning of August. As for deaths, the county hasn't seen a surge of high coronavirus-related deaths, reporting six deaths between May 30 and June 6, the most for the county in a week.

All three counties may have different cases, death and hospitalization rates reported, but all of them have seen an influx of coronavirus cases this fall, and officials locally and statewide have urged extreme caution and to follow safety guidelines with winter arriving shortly and people celebrating the holidays.

As of Wednesday, Sumter has reported nearly 4,000 cases and 93 confirmed deaths, Clarendon reported nearly 1,300 cases and 67 deaths, and Lee has 793 cases and 36 deaths.

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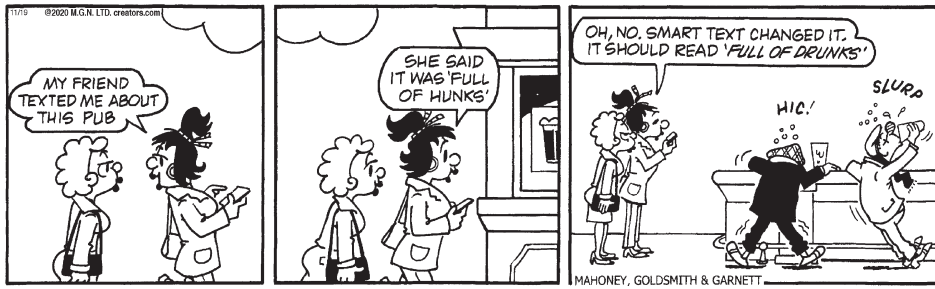
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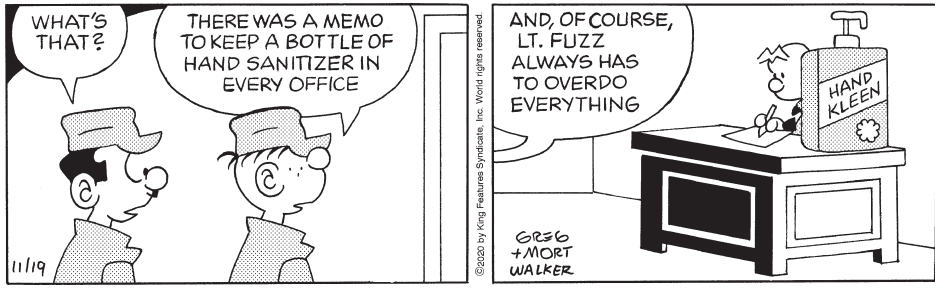
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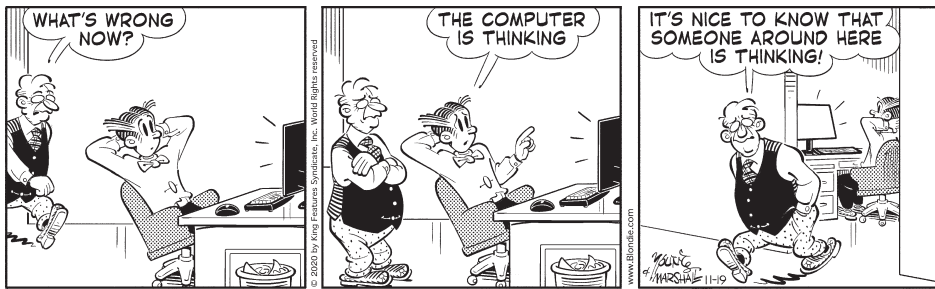
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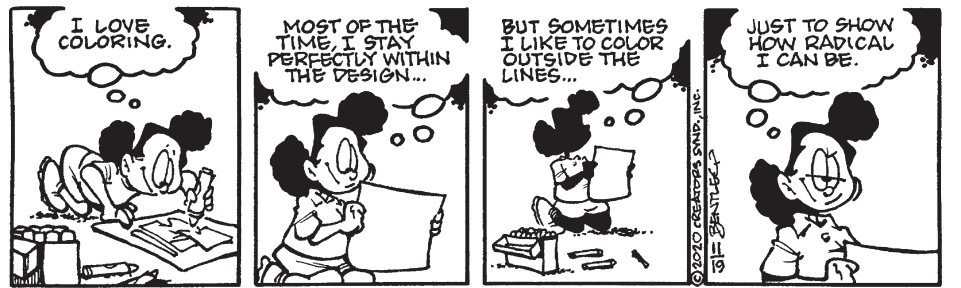
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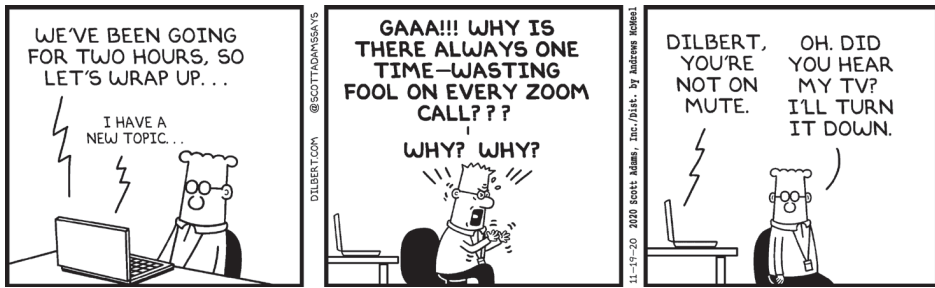
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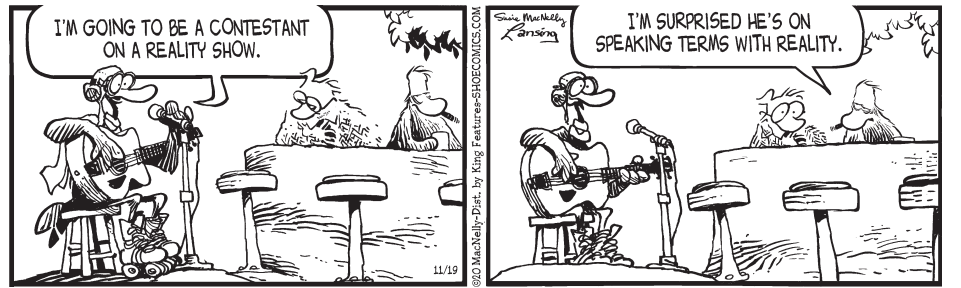
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Family ties break down after mom moves away



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — Since I moved eight years ago, my son, “Jim,” has visited me only once, and that’s because I gave his son my car. I rarely hear from him, and when I have visited, we barely talk.

children are grown now, and I don’t hear from them either. He remarried a woman he met on the internet who has different ideas on things than my family and the way I was brought up. It hurts me very much. What’s your opinion on what to do about this situation? I’m at a loss.

relationship are going to improve, you’ll have to convince them to discuss where things went off track, agree to disagree on certain topics and talk about other things when you see them. From what you’ve written, it appears you’re doing all the work in the relationship, and that isn’t fair to you.

We have totally different ideas on life, and it has caused a rift in our relationship. When I have visited Jim and his wife, they just sit, watch movies and eat takeout food unless I take them out and pay for the meal. Over the years, I’ve given my son money and housed him when he went through a terrible divorce. His

DEAR LET DOWN — It’s sad, but the breakdown in your relationship with Jim started a long time ago. It should’ve been addressed then. It’s not uncommon for adults to have ideas that differ from their parents’, but it shouldn’t cause a rift. If your son and his wife are hiding behind their television set rather than conversing, the situation may be as uncomfortable for them as it is for you. If the dynamics in your rela-

DEAR ABBY — All my boyfriend wants to do is clean the house and make love to me. He also cooks for me, massages me, worships my body, insists that I take naps and makes me laugh nonstop. What’s wrong with him?

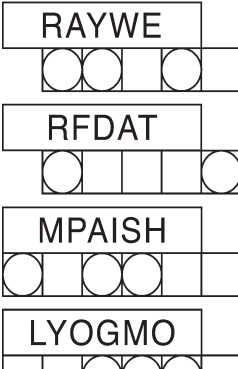
Pondering in the sunshine state

DEAR PONDERING — What’s wrong with YOU? This must be a new relationship. Give it time, and I am sure you will uncover something.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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Today's Guest JUMBLER is **JAN ELLIOT** Creator of **STONE SOUP**

VAL WAS SILENT WHEN HOLLY CALLED HER BY HER FIRST NAME, EVEN THOUGH

“(Answers tomorrow) Yesterday’s Jumbles: AWOKE ORBIT CHOSEN OUTING Answer: He could never beat the gingerbread man at chess because it was — ONE TOUGH COOKIE

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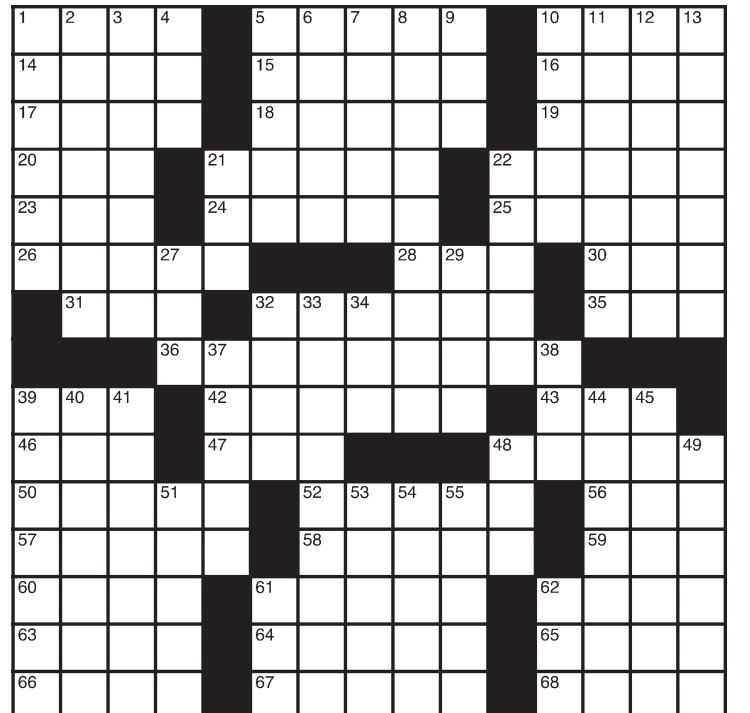
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- 58 Reads quickly
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- 34 Pro bono TV spot
- 37 Billionaire business mogul Carl
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Previous Puzzle Solved





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David Merchant embraces his family after he got home Tuesday night from the courthouse, where he awaited election results.

McELVEEN

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girl and would come downtown, and we would come to City Hall and take care of business with my grandmother and whatnot. Never did I dream that I'd be sitting here."

"I'm so thankful to live in a city like Sumter," McElveen said. "I'm so thankful to have the council and the council members I have had during my 20 years as mayor. I think we've done good things."

He thanked the city staff for their hard work through the years, but he also thanked the residents.

"In my belief, what makes it all work are citizens," McElveen said. "If it wasn't for citizens who have pride in their community, we don't accomplish anything."

Filling the shoes of

McElveen and Dwyer will be Ward 6 Councilman David Merchant, who later that night won a runoff for mayor against Ward 3 Councilman Calvin Hastie, and the Rev. James Blessingame, who won a runoff for Ward 2 against Talitha Harrison.

Applauding the mayor was Blessingame in the small crowd that filled the auditorium, as well as Gifford Shaw, who won the Ward 6 election after Merchant did not seek reelection to his seat to run for mayor.

Hastie did not attend the meeting Tuesday.

Merchant and other elected candidates — Blessingame, Shaw and Ward 4 Councilman Steve Corley — for Sumter City Council will be sworn in on Nov. 30, and the new council will meet for the first time at the next meeting on Dec. 1.

TURKEYS

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thinks smaller birds may be flying out of grocery stores by early next week.

"The expectation is that the smaller turkeys will be in higher demand," he said, "so they will be harder to find in the stores or go off the shelves quicker."

The thought that the pandemic has created a shortage of Thanksgiving turkeys at all is a myth, though, according to Smith and others.

Bagged turkeys typically sold seasonally during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are female turkeys, or hens, and usually range from 10 to 14 pounds. Bagged turkey production is a year-long process, and hens are frozen in cold storage, Smith said. Turkey producers made decisions on production levels for hens this year in January, pre-COVID-19.

AAA does predict a 10% reduction in Thanksgiving holiday travel compared to last November and before the coronavirus pandemic.

What that also means, according to the turkey experts, is more first-time cooks — that's anxious first-time cooks.

But online research shows there is a help line for first-time cooks.

With the power of Google, *The Sumter Item* discovered the Butterball Turkey Talk Line on Wednesday. The operation is based

in Chicago, Illinois.

We called the Butterball hotline and spoke with trained turkey expert Karen Wilcher, a hotline representative. A 10-year veteran of the operation, Wilcher said the Turkey Talk Line has been answering consumers' Thanksgiving cooking questions for more than 30 years. The help line consists of about 50 people, she said, and operates from Nov. 2 through Dec. 24 (including Thanksgiving Day).

Wilcher said many are predicting the number of first-time cooks to be high, but she and her fellow turkey experts are ready to help.

"We are expecting that because this year looks so different," Wilcher said. "There are some people who maybe haven't done this before or haven't had to do it in a long time because 2020 has been that kind of year. But, listen, we're celebrating the good. We know it's going to be good as long as you have that Butterball turkey and you have our phone number or text number."

She added she expects small turkeys will be in demand as well as turkey roasts and breasts.

Wilcher added a bigger turkey isn't a bad deal, though — it just means more leftovers. *Butterball.com* has plenty of recipes for those leftovers, including turkey soup, turkey salad and turkey tortilla soup, among others.

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U.S. withdrawal worries allies

ISLAMABAD (AP) — An accelerated U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, announced by Washington this week, has rattled both allies and adversaries. There are fears of worsening violence and regional chaos, which some say could embolden the local Islamic State affiliate to regroup and perhaps even try to build another "caliphate."

Under an earlier deal between the U.S. and the Taliban that outlined a gradual pullout, the remaining U.S. forces were to leave Afghanistan by April. The Pentagon now says some 2,500 troops will leave by January, just days before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, leaving another 2,000 or so U.S. forces in place. Biden has said he prefers a small, intelligence-driven, counterterrorism pres-

ence in Afghanistan.

A U.S. withdrawal would be welcome in most of rural Afghanistan where civilians are increasingly caught in the crossfire between Taliban and government forces, said Torek Farhadi, a former Afghan government adviser and political analyst.

"After a bombing by any side of the conflict, no one has gone back to rebuild any infrastructure. No one has really worked on healing hearts and minds," he said.

The U.S.-Taliban deal, signed in February, was largely propelled by Washington's fear of an expanding Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan, said a U.S. Defense Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

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McLeod Health is pleased to announce the promotion of Chief Operating Officer Donna Isgett to President and CEO of the McLeod Health system effective March 1, 2021. Highly respected as a healthcare leader on a local, regional and national level, Donna has been an integral part of McLeod Health for more than 20 years. Respected for her focus on quality care through clinical and service excellence, Donna will continue the 115-year legacy of stability, growth and medical excellence of McLeod Health.

The role of President and CEO has been held by Rob Colones since 2002. Mr. Colones will continue as President Emeritus, an advisory position designed to provide historical perspective and guidance. A visionary and inspirational leader, Rob has guided McLeod through a dynamic expansion of McLeod Health into a 7-hospital system serving one million people in 18 counties in South and North Carolina.

Leadership Accomplishments:

Named Board Chair of SC Hospital Association Board of Trustees in 2020 and a member since 2013

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Former Co-Chair of the Institute Healthcare Improvement Forum

Recipient of the Milliken Medal of Quality from the SC Quality National Forum

Liberty Fellow at the Aspen Global Institute

One of two South Carolina healthcare leaders appointed to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Executive Quality Leader Network

Served as founding co-chair for the SCHA Re-engineering Committee



“ Donna has the experience, skills and personal qualities needed to successfully address the issues of a complex and rapidly changing healthcare environment. Working with Donna for more than two decades, I can testify that she is data-driven, an agent of change and a collaborative partner. ”

Rob Colones - McLeod Health President & CEO



“ For over two decades, Donna has played a major role in the development and provision of an exceptional quality of care by McLeod Health, and has been recognized for her work on difficult and complex healthcare issues at state and national levels. She is extremely competent and is an innovative and compassionate leader. The McLeod Health Board, our physicians and our staff have experienced Donna's skillful and collaborative leadership style as Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of Quality & Safety and McLeod Physician Associates. We are all confident that she has the knowledge, strength, and vision to lead McLeod through the challenges and opportunities of the future. ”

Ben Zeigler - McLeod Health Board Chair



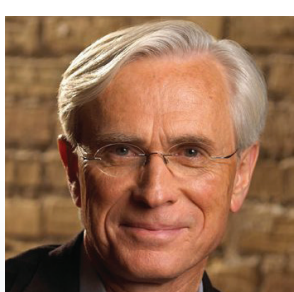
“ The state of South Carolina is fortunate to have McLeod as a nationally recognized health care system, as well as the inspiring leadership of Rob Colones and Donna Isgett. Donna will without doubt lead that superb system into a future of ever-better health and health care for the communities it serves. ”

Donald Berwick, MD, MPP - President Emeritus & Senior Fellow, Institute of Healthcare Improvement



“ Donna Isgett brings her own dynamic leadership style to the helm of McLeod Health. As Chairman of our Hospital Association Board during this extraordinary pandemic, Donna has demonstrated the same perseverance and emotional intelligence that helped earn McLeod's national reputation for quality. I have every expectation that McLeod Health will continue to thrive under Donna's leadership. ”

Thornton Kirby - Executive Director & President of the South Carolina Hospital Association



“ During the past two decades, McLeod Health has risen to become one of the highest quality health care systems in the world. I have had the extraordinary privilege of watching Rob Colones and Donna Isgett lead this process. Now that McLeod is a multi-hospital system, Rob and Donna's leadership is even more powerfully evident. Each hospital that has joined has experienced a significant improvement in important quality outcomes. It is directly attributable to the leadership attention and focus that Donna and Rob provide, and to the powerful methods they bring into play in each new hospital in the system. ”

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LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Superstore Dina finally gets to run the store. (N)	Superstore "Toy Drive" Mateo runs a toy drive. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ballad of Dwight and Irena" SVU handles a domestic violence call. (N)	Dateline NBC (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Sarah Paulson; Henry Golding. (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon (N) (DVS)	(:31) B Positive "Foreign Bodies" (N)	(:01) Mom Bonnie reconnects with an old flame. (N)	The Unicorn Wade goes on a date with Shannon. (N)	Star Trek: Discovery "Magic to Make the Sanest Man Go Mad" The crew attempts to relax at a party. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert LL Cool J; Dave Grohl; Foo Fighters. (N)
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Ultimate Adventures" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Station 19 "Wild World" Sullivan strives to work on sobriety. (N)	Grey's Anatomy "My Happy Ending" The team deals with a stubborn patient. (N)	(:01) A Million Little Things "Hit & Run" (Season Premiere) Rome and Regina face a tough decision. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! Kristen Stewart; Mike Tyson. (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Modern Pioneering With Georgia Pellegrini	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions (Part 2 of 2)	Palmetto Scene	By The River "Dana Ridenour: Below The Radar"	American Experience "The Pilgrims" Details about the arrival of pilgrims. (DVS)	Line of Separation Anna mourns Friedrich. (Part 1 of 2)	This Old House Victorian cottage in Rhode Island.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	FOX NFL Thursday Pregame (N) (Live)	NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at Seattle Seahawks. The Seahawks seek revenge when they host the Cardinals. Arizona rallied from a late 10-point deficit to beat Seattle 37-34 in overtime in Week 7 as Tyler Murray threw for 360 yards and three TDs, and ran for another score. The series is tied 21-21.				WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike must get Vanessa a gift.	Last Man Standing "A Bedtime Story" (DVS)	The Doctors Chrissy Teigen's miscarriage. (N)	Judge Jerry Antonio and Marie argue over a loan.	Judge Jerry An unfinished bathroom remodeling job.	Dateline	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Crime Daily (N)	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "House of Cards" A deadly crime involves guns and meth.	The First 48 A Tulsa, Okla., man is shot and killed.	The First 48 "Tell No Tales/Unfair Fight" (N)	(:01) The First 48 Presents Critical Minutes Four condensed stories. (N)	(:04) The First 48 "Bound and Burned" Body found in a creek bed.	(12:03) The First 48				
AMC	48	180	(6:45) The Year Without a Santa Claus Animated. Santa takes day off.	*** "The Polar Express" (2004, Children's) Animated. A conductor guides a boy to the North Pole.	*** "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray, Karen Allen, John Forsythe. TV-network bigshot meets Christmas ghosts.	*** "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray, Karen Allen, John Forsythe. TV-network bigshot meets Christmas ghosts.	*** "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray, Karen Allen, John Forsythe. TV-network bigshot meets Christmas ghosts.	"National Lampoon's Vacation"				
ANPL	41	100	(6:00) Deadliest Catch "Winter Is Here"	Deadliest Catch "Tough Inheritance"	Deadliest Catch "Russian Roulette"	Deadliest Catch "Hell Hath No Fury"	Deadliest Catch "Hell Hath No Fury"	Deadliest Catch				
BET	61	162	(6:00) The Players Club Calhoun. A woman works as a stripper to pay her tuition.	Southern Charm "Behind the Episode 703" Behind the scenes; fun facts. (N)	Southern Charm (N)	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City "A Snow Mountain of Trouble"	Southern Charm				
BRAVO	47	181	(6:00) The News With Shepard Smith (N)	Shark Tank Franchised art studios.	Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank A cold brew coffee kit.	Shark Tank	Shepard Smith				
CNBC	35	84	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Cuomo Prime Time (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	CNN Tonight with Don Lemon (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper				
CNN	3	80	(6:48) The Office "Basketball"	(:24) The Office "Hot Girl"	The Office "The Dundies"	The Office "Sexual Harassment"	The Office Michael has a panic attack.	The Office "Fire"	The Office "The Fight"	The Office Michael surprises his boss.	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah (N)	(12:15) South Park
COM	57	136	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Jessie (Part 1 of 2)	Jessie (Part 2 of 2)	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd Ava discovers a hot spring.	Sydney to the Max	Sydney to the Max "The Lyin' King"
DISN	18	200	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid: Uncensored "Couches and Kill Zones" (N)								
DSC	42	103	Countdown	College Football Tulane at Tulsa. From H.A. Chapman Stadium in Tulsa, Okla. (N) (Live)								
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	2020 Spikeball College Series	UFC Unleashed	UFC Main Event	UFC Main Event	UFC Unleashed				
ESPN2	27	39	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Christmas Cookie Challenge	Candy Land "Magical Creatures" (N)	Candy Land (N)	Christmas Cookie			
FOOD	40	109	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) (Live)	Hannity (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	Fox News at Night With Shannon	Tucker Carlson				
FOXN	37	90	(6:30) *** "Shrek" (2001, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz.	*** "Zootopia" (2016, Children's) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, rabbit Judy Hopps joins forces with a wily fox.	*** "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" (2008) Voices of Ben Stiller.	Friends	Friends	Friends				
FREE	20	131	Women's College Volleyball West Virginia at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)	InsidetheAssociation (N)	Fight Sports: Boxing	Wm. Volleyball						
FSS	21	47	(6:00) "A Cheerful Christmas" (2019) Erica Deutchman, Chad Connell.	"Christmas in Vienna" (2020, Romance) Sarah Drew, Brennan Elliott, Alina Fritsch. A spirited concert violinist finds inspiration in Vienna.	"The Christmas Cottage" (2017, Drama) Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund, Brittney Wilson. A cynical designer decorates the romantic Christmas cottage.	"Christmas at Pemberley Manor"						
HALL	52	183	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	(:31) Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Flip or Flop	
HGTV	39	112	American Pickers "Jolene, Jolene"	American Pickers "Hot Rod Hero"	(:02) American Pickers "Cruisin"	(:05) American Pickers "The Superfan"	American Pickers					
HIST	45	110	Chicago P.D. "Night in Chicago" Atwater's allegiances are tested.	Chicago P.D. "Ties That Bind" Upton and Burgess enter a bad situation.	Chicago P.D. "Good Men" Intelligence works with the CFD. (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "The Forgotten" A criminal informant disappears.	Chicago P.D. "Pain Killer" A mayoral candidate is shot by a sniper.	Chicago P.D. "This City"				
ION	13	18	"A Twist of Christmas" (2018) Vanessa Lachey, Brendon Zub.	"A Christmas Wish" (2019, Comedy) Hilary Burton, Pam Grier. A wooden wishing box is placed in the park as a tradition.	(:05) "The Magical Christmas Shoes" (2019) Erin Karpluk, Damon Runyan. A pair of magical shoes steps into Kayla Hummel's holiday season.	(12:01) "A Christmas Wish" (2019)						
LIFE	50	145	The Reid Out (N) (Live)	All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
MSNBC	36	92	Unleashed (N)	Top Elf (Season Premiere) (N)	The Substitute	*** "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" (2008) Voices of Ben Stiller.	Friends	Friends				
NICK	16	210	(6:30) *** "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis. An aspiring writer captures the experiences of black women.	*** "The Help" (2011, Drama) Viola Davis, Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard.								
PARM	64	153	(6:00) *** "Escape Plan" (2013) Sylvester Stallone. A security expert must break out of a formidable prison.	*** "Skyfall" (2012, Action) Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem. James Bond must track down and destroy a threat to MI6.	* "The Host" (2013, Science Fiction) Saoirse Ronan, Jake Abel.							
SYFY	58	152	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Guest: Sarah Silverman.	The Misery Index (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Apology"	
TBS	24	156	(5:45) ** "The Sea Wolves" (1980, Action) Gregory Peck, Roger Moore.	*** "Lost Boundaries" (1949, Drama) Beatrice Pearson, Mel Ferrer, Richard Hylton. A black family living in New Hampshire passes for white.	*** "Home of the Brave" (1949, War) Douglas Dick. A WWII psychiatrist treats a paralyzed black soldier.	When Skin Goes Wrong	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Dr. Pimple Popper				
TCM	49	186	Dr. Pimple Popper "Scared Cyst-less"	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Ziti" (N)	(10:58) ** "Solo: A Star Wars Story" (2018, Science Fiction) Alden Ehrenreich, Emilia Clarke. (DVS)	Dr. Pimple Popper				
TLC	43	157	Supernatural "Proverbs 17:3" A routine case turns out to be unusual.	** "Solo: A Star Wars Story" (2018, Science Fiction) Alden Ehrenreich, Emilia Clarke. (DVS)								
TNT	23	158	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Top Secret Videos	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
TRUTV	38	129	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond
TV LAND	55	161	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best	(:31) Miz & Mrs (N) (DVS)	(:02) Chrisley Knows Best	(:32) Chrisley Knows Best	(12:02) Chrisley Knows Best
USA	25	132	Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values	Trina has a fairy-tale wedding. (N)	Bridezillas "ControlZilla & UhhhZilla"	Braxton Family Values			
WE	68	166	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (Live)	NewsNation (N) (Live)	NewsNation (N) (Live)	NewsNation (N) (Live)	NewsNation			
WGNA	8	172										

CW's 'Supernatural' ends its 15-season run

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

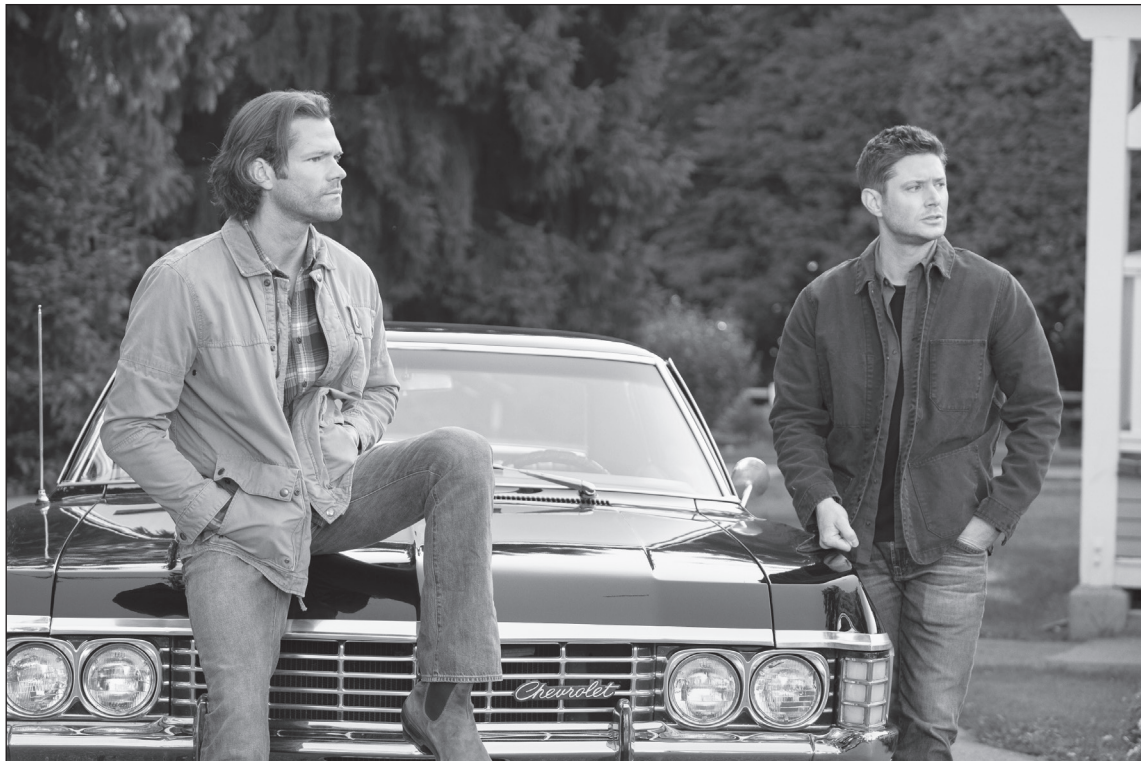
After 15 seasons traveling to hell and back, "Supernatural" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) comes to a demon-hunting conclusion. But not before "Supernatural: The Long Road Home" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) glances back at the series with interviews with the writers, cast and crew.

For what it's worth, "Supernatural" was the last show from the old WB network lineup. After one season on the WB, it joined the CW lineup in 2006, when that network combined shows from WB and UPN. The other WB series to make the jump, including "One Tree Hill," "Gilmore Girls," "7th Heaven," "Reba" and "Smallville," seem like relics from another era.

Arguably, the most supernatural thing about "Supernatural" was its refusal to die.

• It's perhaps fitting that a show called "A Million Little Things" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14) should throw everything but the kitchen sink at the viewer. Over the course of the third season opener, we have flashbacks to a sudden accident, a near-death experience, flashbacks to a breakup, flashbacks to a drowning, a character consumed by guilt and grief wrestling with sobriety, memories of first encounters, a first impression mangled by a "cute" misunderstanding, an adoption crisis, hospital vigils, wheelchairs and a reaffirmation of vows.

Nearly all of these traumatic events pave the way for moments when characters can deliver speeches to each other, grand proclamations about how much the gang means to them. "A Million Little Things" is an almost ridiculously talky show, but there are few normal conver-



ROBERT FALCONER / THE CW

Jared Padalecki, left, stars as Sam Winchester and Jensen Ackles as Dean Winchester in the "Carry On" series finale episode of "Supernatural," airing at 9 p.m. today on The CW.

sations. They would get in the way of ultimatums, declarations and affirmations.

You have to hand it to James Roday Rodriguez. He's best known as the flippant Shawn from "Psyche," the silliest comedy from USA's "blue sky" lineup that included "Monk" and "Royal Pains." On "Million," he's Gary Mendez. And even if he's shifted from a light comedy to one of network television's most self-important melodramas, he's basically playing the same character, a glib goofball hiding behind a wall of sarcasm. Given all the dreary "Things" we have to endure, his attitude is a welcome relief.

• After her mother's death, a grieving woman (Sally Lindsay, "Coronation Street") falls for a phone scam and takes extreme measures to

get back at her tormentors in the U.K. miniseries "Cold Call," streaming on Sundance Now.

• "Leap of Faith: William Friedkin on The Exorcist" streams on Shudder, a glance back at the making of the 1973 shocker that turned heads.

• Plus-sized dude and podcast star Josh Varozza hosts "Breaking Beauty" on Crackle. Over the course of seven episodes, he will scour the highways of America in search of those who embrace an unorthodox sense of personal allure.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• The Arizona Cardinals and Seattle Seahawks meet in NFL action (8 p.m., Fox, NFL, Amazon Prime).

• Social distance makes the heart grow fonder on "Station

19" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

• In a 2020 romance, a disillusioned violinist rediscovers her passions after a "Christmas in Vienna" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).

• Domestic violence on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

• The pandemic sets the agenda on "Grey's Anatomy" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

• A strange invader scuttles party plans on "Star Trek: Discovery" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Sheldon doubles down on bike riding before college on "Young Sheldon" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * On two episodes of "Superstore" (NBC, TV-PG): Dina's big chance (8 p.m.); a kind gesture (8:30 p.m., r) * Organ failure on "B Positive" (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Bonnie glances back on

"Mom" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Wade discovers Shannon's unusual lifestyle on "The Unicorn" (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC).

LATE NIGHT

Sarah Silverman appears on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * LL Cool J, Dave Grohl and Foo Fighters are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Sarah Paulson, Henry Golding and Car Seat Headrest on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Kristen Stewart, Mike Tyson and Zac Brown Band appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Michael Moore, Rich Eisen and Valerie Franco visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Marc Maron and Royal Blood appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

CULT CHOICE

The case of a Mexican-American boy accused of murder and rape becomes fodder for lynch mobs and scheming Communists in the highly charged 1955 drama "Trial" (3:30 a.m., early Friday, TCM, TV-PG), starring Glenn Ford and Dorothy McGuire.

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Swampcats gear up for rematch with Hammond for SCISA 3A title

BY TIM LEIBLE
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Laurence Manning Academy football head coach Austin Floyd is very familiar with Hammond.

The Skyhawks have long been the dominant force in SCISA 3A, having won the last three state titles. The most recent championship came over the Swampcats, as Hammond won 49-21.

Floyd, now in his second season at the helm of LMA, will be coaching against Hammond for the fourth time. Laurence Manning is 0-3 in those games. That's something he'll be looking to change as LMA and Hammond again face off for the state title at Charleston Southern University's Buccaneer Field in North Charleston on Friday beginning at 7 p.m..

"It's kind of like Ric Flair; they're the man and there's no doubt," Floyd said of the Skyhawks. "They do a great job, and a lot of people are haters and want to make excuses. We're not going to make any excuses. They've kind of kicked our butts three times in a row, and we just want to get over that hump."

The last time these two teams faced off was Week 5 of this season. The final score was 28-7, but it was closer than the final score implies. The game was tied 7-7 at the half and Hammond was able to take a lead early in the third quarter when a costly strip sack of quarterback Tyler June gave the



For the second straight season, Laurence Manning's Gabe Harris (1) and the Swampcats will face Hammond in the SCISA 3A championship game on Friday at Charleston Southern University.

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Skyhawks excellent field position. Armed with the lead, Hammond wore LMA down and eventually added a couple of touchdowns in the fourth quarter to finish off the win.

In Floyd's eyes, that game proved LMA could compete with Hammond and lit a fire under the Swampcats.

"We played them tough, but I'll be honest man, and they do a great job, but our kids and where we want to go, we don't want to be anybody's second fiddle," Floyd said. "They're the only team

we haven't beat and there's a reason for that, because they're so well-coached and they're fundamentally sound, and they've been dominating this league for a long time, but we want to beat them."

Since that loss, Laurence Manning has been undefeated, winning their last seven games to improve to 9-3 on the season. It hasn't been all sunshine and rainbows for the Swampcats though. While they've kept winning, they've also kept getting banged up.

Over the last month or so, LMA has lost two starting centers, star wide receiver and defensive back Brandon King and several running backs. Luckily, one of those running backs, Jackson Brown, is expected to be able to return for the championship game.

While the list of injuries is already long, the biggest blow came last Wednesday, when June broke his arm in an off-the-field accident, leaving the team without its starting quarterback. Bryce Acord stepped in on short

notice and filled in admirably in the Swampcats' 18-13 semifinal win over Ben Lippen last Friday. He was 3-for-7 for 54 yards with an interception.

Floyd is confident Acord, who also had an interception on defense, will be able to step up again.

"(LMA boys basketball head coach Will) Epps was telling me that when Bryce was a freshman, they were going down to the beach and he stepped in and took a charge from a senior, and he said the senior was about 6-foot-5(-inches), 210 (pounds), and if you look at Bryce, he's probably 5'10", 150 pounds soaking wet," Floyd said. "But he said Bryce stepped in front of him and took that charge and he about killed him, but that's the kind of kid you're dealing with. He wants to win and he does."

"And Bryce (almost) had me -- we had it fourth (down) and inches (to go) from our own 10, and he's like, 'I can get it, I can get it,' and you're looking at him and you hear the kid talking and you think he can get it. We ended up punting, I talked myself out of it."

One player that has massively stepped up in the midst of all these injuries is Gabe Harris. He rarely comes off the field and does a little bit of everything. Against Ben Lippen, he ran for two touchdowns, threw for one more and caught two passes. He leads the team

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Lee's Price named Athlete of the Week after dominant performance in 1A semis

BY TIM LEIBLE
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Lee Academy's Keaton Price has been the heart and soul of the Cavalier football team all season long. That continued on Friday when the senior quarterback dominated with nearly 300 yards of total offense, powering Lee past St. John's Ch26-12 to earn a place in the SCISA 1A championship game. That performance also helped Price win the vote as the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week.

"It's kind of nice," Price said of winning the vote for the award. "I guess it's just a small-town thing. Everybody kinda knows about our school and knows about the players."

Price knew what was on the line when he led the Cavaliers into battle against St. John's for the chance to play in the SCISA 1A championship game. He put any nerves behind him as he led the team to a win.

"I was really nervous to start off with, I think all of us were, because it was either win or go home. That's nerve-wracking for anybody," Price said. "But I had no doubt in my mind that we were going to go out there and play our



Lee Academy quarterback Keaton Price racked up nearly 300 yards of total and accounted for three touchdowns in the Cavaliers' 26-12 win over St. John's Christian on Friday to lead to his being selected as the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week.

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ballgame and dominate the game and make it to state."

Price ended with 39 carries for 237 yards and two touchdowns, while completing two of five passes for 38 yards and a touchdown. He also played every defensive snap as a defensive back. It was exactly the performance for which head coach David Rankin was hoping.

"He's done everything we've needed him to. He carried the ball 39 times and played every play on defense and covered their best receiver man to man, so you know what kind of shape he's in," Rankin said. "He's done a great job for us this year. It's just what seniors do. To win, seniors have to carry you, and he's carried us this year and put us on his back. We've

had some other seniors do that too, but he's had a great year."

Now Lee is back in a state championship game for the first time since playing for the 2A title in 2016. The last time the Cavaliers played for a 1A title was in 2015 when they won the championship. Price said he was happy he and his fellow seniors were able to earn a spot in the championship.

"It means a lot to the seniors. We've been talking about it all year, going back to the summer. We've been telling everyone that we were going to end up at state," Price said. "It started out that no one was believing us, then when it got to the middle of the season we started playing our best football and now we're at state."

Sumter High playoff tickets still available

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Tickets are still available for Sumter High School's home football game against River Bluff on Friday in the quarterfinals of the South Carolina High School League 5A state playoffs.

Tickets will not be sold at the gate. The only way to purchase tickets is on a digital basis by going to www.sumtergamecocks.com. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Ticket sales are being limited to 1,000 on the home side and 500 on the visitors side.

Laurence Manning Academy is also selling tickets for its

SCISA 3A state championship game against Hammond on Friday digitally by going to its website, www.laurencemanning.com.

Tickets will also be sold at the gate for the 7 p.m. contest at Charleston Southern University's Buccaneer Field in North Charleston.

Lee Academy is asking its fans to purchase tickets at the gate for its SCISA 2A championship game against Thomas Heyward on Saturday. The game is set for a 5:30 p.m. start at Buccaneer Field.

Tickets for the SCISA title games are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Parking will be \$10 per car.

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with seven interceptions and has 15 total touchdowns on the season. Harris is a real ace in the hole for Floyd and with King out, is LMA's one true home run threat offensively.

"He plays really good defense and offensively, now that we have Jackson Brown back, we feel like we've got another guy that can score from some distance, and Gabe was our only guy we felt like could do that," Floyd said. "Gabe does what you ask him. I can't say enough good things about him. We're fortunate to have him."

Laurence Manning's biggest strength this season

has been incredible defense. Bennett Stephens, Britton Morris and Jonathan Griffin all have over 100 tackles with Stephens leading the way with 122. Floyd loves what he's seen out of his defense and credits defensive coordinator Will Furse with helping that unit shine.

"We play hard-nosed defense and we've got a couple of guys like Britton goes both ways, and Henry Black goes both ways, Bryce goes both ways. We've got a lot of guys that don't come off the field, but they play good defense," Floyd said. "We tackle most nights and that's something we've done all year, and Will Furse, our defensive coordinator does a great job of putting us in a

position to be successful each week."

With so many players going both ways, staying fresh will be the key against Hammond. LMA ran out of gas late during the Week 5 matchup and allowed CJ Stokes to break off some big runs in the fourth quarter. Laurence Manning can't afford for that to happen again.

"The Stokes kid, a heck of a player. He's the best running back in this league and if you don't wrap him up, he's gone. We tackled him well the first game in the beginning, but by the third or fourth quarter he starts leaning on you a bit," Floyd said. "I think you've just got to get multiple people to the football and you've got to

wrap up and tackle when you get there."

Floyd knows the Swampcats have their hands full as always but if it can control the clock and possess the football, Laurence Manning can put itself in a position to come away with a win.

"To me, it's just hold onto the football. Let's not turn it over, let's force some turnovers. We definitely have to get first downs and chew clock, limit possessions," Floyd said. "I'd love to see the possession total get down to like eight or nine a piece and just have a drive or two that eats up five or six minutes of clock whether you score or not. We don't want to go out there and get in a shootout with them."

Floyd hopes his team can come away with a win and get the recognition it deserves for grinding through a very complicated season, one that started with uncertainty and now ends with a chance at history.

"It would mean a lot to our community and our kids," Floyd said. "It's about the kids that are out there playing the game. They're the ones sacrificing their time, watching film, going to the weight room all summer. It's about them. They're the ones that have to hurt and take the criticism when they lose, and they're the ones who should get the credit and the joy when they win. It's something that should mean the world to them and its important to them."

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM MARTIN MCCORMIC

CLEMSON — William Martin McCormic, 84, of Clemson, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020.



MCCORMIC

Born in Sumter, Bill was a son of Leslie Franklin McCormic and Pansy Craft McCormic, who preceded him in death. He was

also preceded in death by siblings, Leslie Craft McCormic, Annie Laurie McCormic Wells and John Alexander McCormic.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in textile management from Clemson University in 1958, Bill spent the majority of his career in textile sales. Bill was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Clemson and a member of McCleod-Spencer Sunday School class. In his more active years, Bill enjoyed playing golf with his cherished friends, working in his yard, volunteering with Meals on Wheels and adamantly supporting his Clemson Tigers. He also loved sharing a good story and laughing with his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Lillis Holman McCormic; and his children, Cecelia Lee Buckley of Greenville, Frances McCormic Wortkoetter (Gary) of Greer and William Martin McCormic Jr. (Christie) of St. Charles, Illinois. He will be fondly remembered by his eight wonderful grandchildren, Jamie, Ben, Joseph, Jacob, Anna, Logan, Abby and Caroline.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Clemson, 397 College Ave., Clemson, SC 29631 or Rainey Hospice House of Anderson, 1835 Rogers Road, Anderson, SC 29621.

A private family service will be held.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.RobinsonFurneralHomes.com.

Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home & Cremations in Central is assisting the family.

CAROLYN LEE COLEMAN

LYNCHBURG — Carolyn Lee Coleman, age 84, beloved wife of the late Elbert C. Coleman, entered heaven's gates on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.



COLEMAN

Born on July 13, 1936, she was a daughter of the late Henry Stevens Lee and Eula Mae Hudson Lee. Mrs. Coleman was a devoted housewife, loving mother, grandmother and was known as "Nanny" to many. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and attended Elliott Baptist Church for many years.

Surviving are five children, Ted Coleman (Dianne) of Lynchburg, Mae Altman (J.W.) of Lynchburg, Jay Coleman (Cindy) of Florence, Wendy Sharp of Lynchburg and J.D. Coleman (Laura) of Lynchburg; one sister-in-law, Annette Coker of Lynchburg; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents

and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Coleman; and two grandchildren, Joey Altman and Andy Coleman.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Elliott Baptist Church, 48 Casual Branch Road, Bishopville. The interment will follow at Friendship Cemetery, Pleasant Grove Road, Lynchburg.

Pallbearers will be Ted Coleman, Jay Coleman, J.D. Coleman, J.W. Altman, Gene Altman and Luke Faulkenberry.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Bullock Funeral Home, 1190 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, and other times at the residence of her daughter, Wendy Sharp.

Mrs. Coleman will be available for viewing one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday at Elliot Baptist Church.

Due to COVID-19, the family requests those in attendance wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Memorials may be made to Elliott Baptist Church, 48 Casual Branch Road, Bishopville, SC 29010 or the Friendship Cemetery, c/o J.W. Altman, 2880 Shiloh Raccoon Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

The family wishes to extend a very special thank you to Dr. Priscilla Welch of Olanta for the many years of her excellent care shown to Mrs. Coleman and to Amedisys Hospice of Sumter, Amy Knowlton, Christina Toney and Chaplain David Richardson for their care, love, and support shown to Mrs. Coleman and her family.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



GLENDA TART

Glenda Tart, 66, was born on Sept. 6, 1954, in New York, a daughter of the late Murray and Dorothy Maple Tart. She departed this life on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Blue Ridge Nursing Home in Sumter.



TART

Public viewing will be held from

2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, Sumter, SC 29154 with the Rev. Dr. George E. Hicks.

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

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

EDWARD FRANKLIN SMITH SR.

Edward Franklin Smith Sr., 95, widower of Dorothy S.



SMITH

Smith, departed this life on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He was born on June 21, 1925, in Sumter, a son of the late Maggie Smith.

Public viewing will be held

from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Smith will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. Friday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150. Interment will follow at Smith Cemetery.

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

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

LUCILLE E. WRIGHT WALTERS

Life is but a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. But each life is under direction and human will; should always be subject to the divine will. A great life has vanished in the death of Lucille E. Wright Walters. She was a daughter of the late Booker T. and Binnah C. Wright. She was called to rest at 1:01 a.m. Thursday morning, Nov. 12, 2020.

At an early age, she joined New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a member of the missionary board, gospel choir and women's choir and served faithfully, until her health failed. Lucille was gainfully employed at Exide Battery and later Becton and Dickinson, where she retired after 21 years of service. Lucille was also a licensed cosmetologist. Lucille graduated from Lincoln High School and graduated from Gardner Beauty College. Lucille was also a dedicated community activist.

At an early age, she was married to Esaw Walters Sr. and to this union five children were born, two of whom preceded her in death, Larry and Esau (Randy) Walters Jr.

Lucille was a wonderful and loving person who touched the lives of all who knew and loved her. Although we are deeply troubled by her loss, we have much to remember and reflect upon her life. She was forever kind and helpful. She wanted the very best for her family and worked unflinchingly to accomplish this end.

She leaves to mourn: three children, Lorenzo (Melissa) Walters of Ellenwood, Georgia, Christopher (Brenda) Walters and Amy (William) Toney of Sumter; and a special niece, Rudina McFadden of Sumter. Lucille loved all of her 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and

seven great-great-grandchildren. Lucille had a host of nieces and nephews. A special thanks to Peggy Laws.

Job's Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE LEE HICKMON

Willie Lee Hickmon, 82, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at his home in Bishopville.

A graveside service will take place at 1 p.m. today at Boone Memorial Garden in Bishopville.

Professional services have been entrusted to JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

WILLIE HARPER

Willie Harper passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at MUSC of Florence.

Professional services are incomplete at this time and will be announced later by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

MARTHA MAE MILLER

Martha Mae Miller, 67, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center in Hartsville.

The family is receiving friends at 656 Royer Road, Bishopville.

Professional services are incomplete and will be announced later by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

HESTER B. FRIERSON

Hester B. Frierson, 80, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020.

A graveside service will take place on Saturday at Boone Memorial Garden in Bishopville.

A public visitation will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Professional services have been entrusted to JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

RUTH ANN ANDERSON-BACCUS

Ruth Ann Anderson-Baccus, 69, died on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at MUSC Health Florence Medical Center, Florence.

Born on March 4, 1951, in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Joshua Carter and Rosa Bell Hammett.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC and are incomplete at this time.

JAKE THADDEUS RICHARDSON

Jake Thaddeus "Thad"

Richardson, 64, was born on May 20, 1956, the oldest child of Jake and Bessie English Richardson.

"Thad," as he was affectionately called, answered his Savior's call on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

Jake received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Sumter High School with the Class of 1974. Upon graduation, he worked at Campbell Soup, VB Williams and retired from the Sumter County school system.

Jake leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Courtney Koonce, Jessica Richardson and Jake Richardson Jr.; two sisters, Jennifer Kennedy and Sharon Araqua (Charles); one brother, Gary Richardson; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting face masks and social distancing be observed by relatives and friends during all home visitation at 360 N. Magnolia St., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

The procession will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the home.

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. Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

MARY LEE GIBSON WAITERS

PHILLIPSBURG, N.J. — On Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, Mary Lee Gibson Waiters, widow of Nehemiah Waiters, departed this life at St. Luke Hospital, Phillipsburg.

Born on April 5, 1933, in the Jordan community of Manning, she was a daughter of the late Harmon and Mary Jane Hilton Gibson.

In accordance with CDC guidelines in reference to COVID-19, the Gibson and Waiters families are not receiving relatives and friends at the residence.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel of Manning.

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COMMENTARY

Your happiest hour on Earth should be your last

Happy hour is a marketing term for a time when a venue (such as a restaurant, bar, bowling alley, stadium, state fair or county fair) offers discounts on alcoholic drinks. Free appetizers and discounted menu items are often served during happy hour. Employees start talking about happy hour after lunch and can't wait to visit their favorite venue to meet up with friends.

The food is usually good, the fellowship relaxing, and oftentimes participants have too much to drink. The evening becomes a stress-relieving blockbuster. Sometimes people even end up with acquaintances at places where they should have never agreed to in the first place.

Happy hour provides a place, a time and the audience for people to camouflage their underlying issues. People are in fact happy during that hour or two. Reality, however, eventually shows up and spoils ev-

erything. After happy hour, the problems are still present, the bills are still due, and the marriage is still on the rocks. With all that this world is facing these days, I'm not sure if there is a marketed venue



Sam Livingston

where anybody can physically attend to be happy and safe. Restaurants are pickup only, permanently, or partially closed for dining. People don't feel safe sitting together at their favorite bar anymore. Precautions must be practiced on everything to the point of paranoia. When you pick up your silverware to eat, proper washing and sterilization of each piece is running through your mind. Who would have thought life would be like this during our lifetime? What can we do to find happiness?

A great start on the journey to finding happiness is to truly love the people who love you. I know we should love everybody because it is the right thing to do. Oftentimes, however, we love everybody except the people who love us, our immediate family. When we love these people genuinely, each hour with them is saturated with happiness. You should be anxious to spend quality hours with your spouse, children and grandchildren. Hanging out with your pet even becomes precious.

The ultimate feeling of happiness is to be confident of where you're going to spend eternity. People preplan their funeral with their family and the funeral director. They make sure the life insurance policy is paid, the grave plot has been selected, clothes have been chosen and the obituary is 90% completed. The will is written and changed over and over again right up to death. Why go through all of that trouble and leave the

fate of your soul in limbo?

The happiest hour in this life should be the last one we live on this Earth, simply because we know that we are finally going home. A well-known mortician once said, "It's alright to go home when your work down here is done." You prepare for this final hour just like you prepare for your funeral that you will not be in attendance of. You start by reading John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." So how do you believe in him whom you have not seen? Keep reading.

Romans 10:13-15. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

A God fearing preacher is

always available to walk you through the plan of salvation. In fact, let's do it right now.

It is as simple as repeating these words after me. Lord Jesus, I'm a sinner with a soul that needs to be converted. Come into my life. I give you permission to be my Lord and Savior. Save me right now. I want my name written in the Lamb's book of life. I want to spend eternity with you.

Teach me your ways and fill me with the Holy Ghost so that I can teach transgressors your way. Please put people in my life that will assist me in my spiritual growth. Thank you for saving me. AMEN!

If you prayed this prayer, you are saved and your sins are forgiven!

Find a ministry that you can associate with to become all that the Lord has planned for your life.

In God We Trust!

Sam Livingston is pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Manning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ROOT OF MY ELECTION PROTEST WAS NOT UNDERSTOOD

This letter is written in response to your article "Lee's Sumter school board win cleared" dated Nov. 17, 2020. It is becoming more and more apparent to me that the Sumter County Election Commission, Sumter County Voter Registration Office and the *Item* do not fully understand the nature of my election protest. As Commissioner Brunson indicated, my protest did not allege voter fraud or any wrongdoing on the part of staff during the election process. Nor did my protest focus on straight-party ticket voting.

My protest focused on the precincts of District 6 and the 909 difference in total votes cast in the mayoral and school board elections in those precincts. What this meant to me was that almost 20% of the registered voters of District 6 that voted in the mayoral races decided to not vote in a contested school board election, and I found that concerning. Why would they choose not to vote in the school board election? Were there any impediments or restrictions to them participating in that election? I thought the election commission would be concerned and look into the

possible impediments. However, I was told that many people vote straight tickets and elect not to vote in other races.

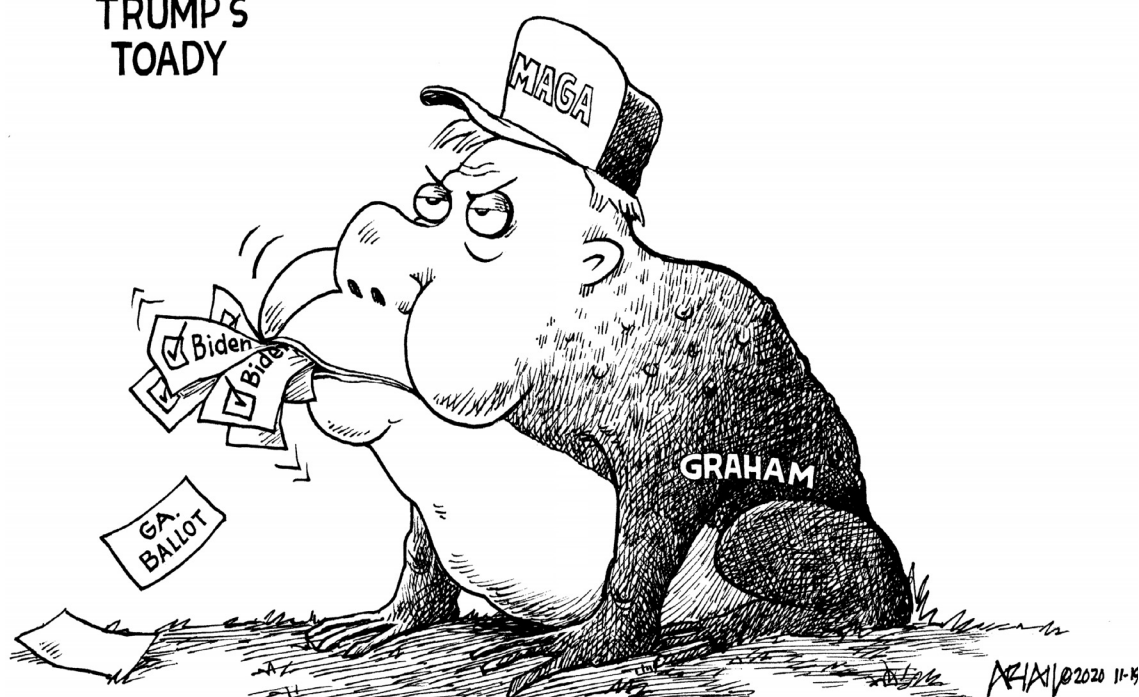
This was not the focus of my petition. My petition focused solely on the votes cast in the mayoral and school board races, which are not a part of the straight-party ticket vote. As for straight-party ticket voting, I am an opponent and think this voting practice contributes to our political party polarization.

Considering that we do allow straight-party ticket voting, I think the election commission should become more involved in voter education. One way to do this is publish ballots before the elections and explain the extenuating circumstances such as straight-party ticket voting and down-ballot races that require a vote to be cast to be counted.

Having said that, congratulations to Ms. Lee on her win. In the future, I encourage all voters to participate in our school board elections. When so many don't, it does cause suspicions!

WILLIAM LEVAN BYRD,
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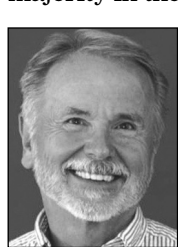
COMMENTARY

Dealing with political loss and putting mental health back on track

The intensity and deep partisanship of the 2020 election have left many of us in serious distress.

Most Democrats, reading misguided polls, felt optimistic going into the election and then faced an early possibility that Donald Trump would win the White House.

Now they are dealing with losses in the House and a possible Republican majority in the Senate.



Robert Pawlicki

Republicans, with an unending avalanche of warnings that Democrats are going to turn the country into a socialist state, may be projecting the worst with the loss of the White House.

Facing reality is tough.

For Democrats, there is no denying that their dreams are badly tarnished. Although they won the presidency, 73 million Americans voted against them.

For Republicans, the loss of the White House is a big deal. The steady stream of conservative judge confirmations will come to an end, and the Republican agenda will be put into storage. Republicans may block Democrats'

proposals, but in the terms of power, the White House holds the most leverage.

What to do with loss? To return to mental health normalcy, there are a number of things to be done. When feeling bad, action No. 1 is to take responsibility for your emotions and then control what you can control.

Gain perspective. Track down previous periods in American history when the country was extremely divided. Examine the claims of opposing parties, name calling and the divisions the country faced, such as public support for Hitler before we entered World War II and the deep family feuds during the Vietnam War.

Those examples may not eliminate your current concerns, but it is a reminder that, as a country, we have overcome major divisions before.

Take action if you can. The election may be over, but our country is now in a continuous state of campaigning. There are many civil ways that you can work to promote your values.

If such action is not your style, turn your attention to your internal dialogue, something that is always under your control.

Whether you're a liberal or conservative, the key to good mental health is the same.

Most of our emotional upset stems

from disproportionately focusing on the negative and not the entire picture. When previous expectations are inordinately high, that can be difficult.

Nevertheless, listing our positive outcomes is a good place to start. Writing them out is one of the most powerful steps recommended by psychologists and psychiatrists.

If you are highly upset, your inner dialogue is most likely focused on the worst. Argue against your fears with facts. Understand that your worst fears are not reality. Only a possibility, and most likely, a remote one at that.

If you are especially upset stemming from the election results, it may be time to get back to your daily routine.

Daily news will continue without you. Putting your mental health back on track will make you a better decision maker. When emotional distress is very high, our judgment is most in peril.

Reducing the volume of news you find distressing is a good place to start.

Be careful to avoid extreme information. Do your best to stay away from conspiratorial theories and rants.

Each party has radicals, but Americans have ultimately avoided the revolutionaries, and the nation is unlikely to break that tradition.

Mark Twain said, "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which

never happened."

Fears are the same.

Attending to your mental health right now is especially important. The country's stress level is already exceedingly high given the COVID-19 pandemic, elevating tension to a record-breaking level.

With close to a quarter of a million deaths and fears of unbelievable high numbers to come, now is the time to be kind and tolerant to yourself first and others thereafter.

Political change can be difficult. The reality is that elections are noisy, giving you some things you like, along with some things you don't. Maybe even some things you detest.

They also leave you with ambiguity, a most uncomfortable and challenging feeling but one we must all deal with in navigating our lives.

It may sound hokey, but what better way to heal the country than to take care of yourself and reduce your stress?

You're more likely to be generous and kind to people on both sides of the aisle, even to those who don't agree with your point of view.

Robert Pawlicki is a retired psychologist and columnist for the *Savannah (Georgia) Morning News*. He wrote this for *InsideSources.com*.

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Announcements

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City of Bishopville Police Department
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Bishopville, SC 29010
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Legal Notice

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Thanksgiving Deadlines

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EDITION	DEADLINE
Tues., November 24	Mon., November 23 at 11:30pm
Wed., November 25	Tues., November 24 at 11:30am
Weekend Edition	Fri., November 27 at 11:30am
Nov. 28 - Nov. 29	

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Deadline is 24 hours earlier if proof is required

Business office will be closed November 26.
We will reopen November 28.

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AROUND TOWN

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please note that due to the threat of COVID-19, some of the following events may be cancelled or rescheduled unexpectedly.

The 10th Annual Silver Bells Arts and Craft Show will be held 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the American Legion Building, 30 S. Artillery Drive. Free parking and free admission. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help support United Ministries. For every three food items you donate, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Event will also help support Kat's Special Kneads Small Animal Shelter. Santa will visit on Sunday with 5x7 photos available for \$5 each from Tiffany Davis Photography. Among the more than 40 participating vendors will be Ann Huffmans Tupperware, Bella & Bailey Creations, Catfish Willy's Seasonings,

Country Girl Crafts, Dan's Woodworks, Gourds & More, Kettle Corn, Marty's Pyrographic Designs, Pampered Chef products and many, many more. There will be something available for each person on your Christmas gift list.

Take your family, friends and pets to the Sumter Family YMCA's annual Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk on Thursday, Nov. 26. Register by Nov. 24 at the YMCA or online. Race day registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the race beginning at 9 a.m. Call Denise Lewis at (803) 773-1404 or visit www.ymcasumter.org for registration information.

The Sumter County Museum's annual wreath workshop will be held 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2. The museum is located at 122 N. Washington St. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Call (803) 775-0908 or visit www.sumtercountymuseum.org.

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Marine Corps League 1202 meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the VFW, 1925 Gion St. All present and former Marines are welcome. Call (803) 972-4555.

American Legion Post 15 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each

month at 34 S. Artillery Drive. All veterans, past and present, are welcome. Call (803) 968-5115.

The Civil Air Patrol Sumter Composite Squadron meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday at 2945 Airport Road. There are cadet programs, aerospace education programs and emergency services programs. Call Lt. Col. George Stanley at (803) 847-7640. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com.

PUBLIC AGENDA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of the following meetings/events may be cancelled, rescheduled or held virtually.

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, Nov. 23, 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St. To present questions to the board, email pdrakeford@swrta.com or mail to SWRTA, P.O. Box 2462, Sumter, SC 29151, Attn: Compliance Officer. For special accommodations, call (803) 934-0396, extension 103.

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC. ABILITIES UNLIMITED INC. ADAPTIVE LIFESTYLES INC. MAGNOLIA MANOR INC.

FIRST FLIGHT INC.
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 8 a.m., 750 Electric Drive (Electric as of May 2020) (1225 Alice Drive). Call 778-1669, Ext. 2537.

MCLEOD HEALTH CLARENDON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6 p.m., hospital board room, 10 E. Hospital St., Manning

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, Nov. 25, noon, chamber office

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, Nov. 25, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go about your business. Don't make

promises or let someone rope you into something you don't want to do. Pace yourself, take care of your responsibilities and plan to spend time with someone you love. A diversion will ease stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you don't like something, make a change. Take control instead of being controlled. An adjustment you initiate will give you the freedom to do something that brings you joy. Make balance and quality of life your priorities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider what is possible, and set attainable goals. Don't let someone lead you astray with a ludicrous plan that is emotionally, financially or physically risky. Stick to what you know and do best. Romance and personal growth are favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change someone makes will end up benefiting you. Look over contracts or documents that are about to expire. A unique idea that someone presents will lead to a monetary gain. Avoid indulgent behavior and emotional setbacks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An adventure will entice you. Be careful not to overstep your limits or put yourself in harm's way. Planning and preparation will be vital if you want to avoid a mishap. Use less aggressive and more affectionate means to get your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll get the right-of-way if you follow your heart and do your own thing. Your enthusiasm and desire to learn as you go will encourage others to join in and support your efforts. A last-minute change will benefit you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mull over the past, and come to terms with anything that is holding you back. Lift the burdens, and you will feel better about the future. Personal growth, physical improvements and lifestyle change are favored. Don't give in to demanding people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Live and learn. Experiences you share with someone seeking similar information will change how you think and do things as you move forward. Sometimes a little force is necessary to get what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Someone from your past will disrupt your life if you are too revealing. Pay more attention to home and family, and nurture a meaningful relationship. Handle secrets, passwords and possessions with discretion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep up the momentum. Positive change is heading your way. Don't let personal uncertainty stand in your way; focus on what's doable, who is reliable and the result. A unique lifestyle change is within reach. Personal growth is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't rely on others to do things for you. Stick to the rules, and follow through with your plans. If you hang around waiting for someone else to start, you'll miss out on a chance to show how efficient you can be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be effective. How you go about helping others will be a door opener that will change the way you work and how much you earn. More significant resources will give you the freedom to expand your interests, skills and ability to grow personally.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Clear and chilly	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny and pleasant	Increasing clouds	Clouds giving way to some sun
59°	39°	70° / 43°	71° / 47°	71° / 52°	75° / 47°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%
NE 4-8 mph	VAR 3-6 mph	NE 3-6 mph	NNE 3-6 mph	NE 4-8 mph	W 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

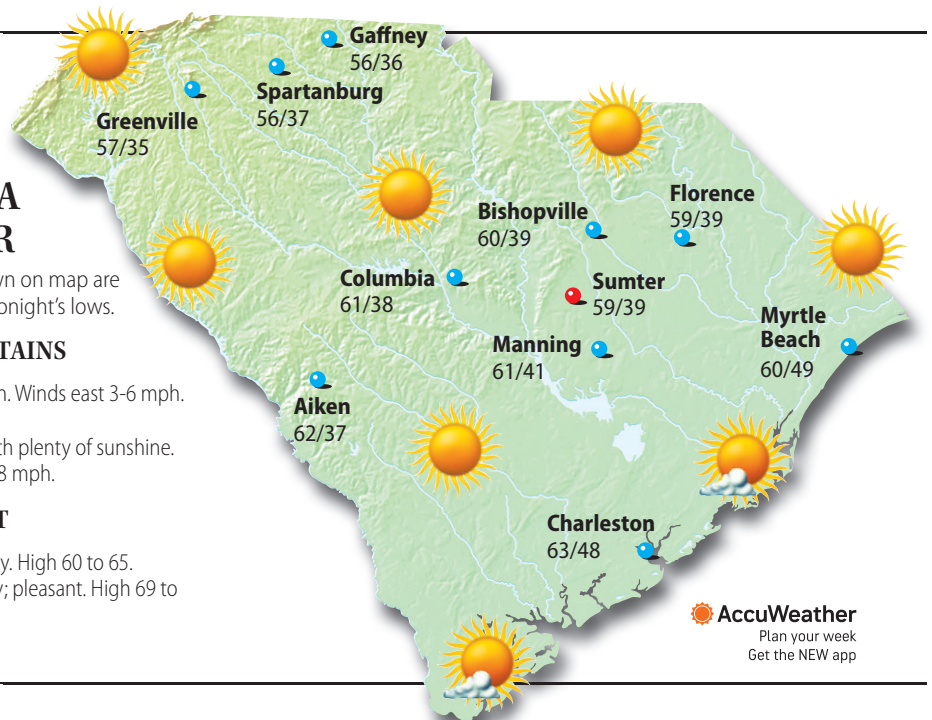
Today: Plenty of sun. Winds east 3-6 mph. Clear.

Friday: Pleasant with plenty of sunshine. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny. High 60 to 65.

Friday: Partly sunny; pleasant. High 69 to 73.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	54°	40°	66°	40°	84° in 2013	25° in 2014

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	2.39"	1.70"	53.25"	33.33"	42.52"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.29	-0.07
Marion	76.8	75.09	+0.51
Moultrie	75.5	72.77	-0.01
Wateree	100	101.86	-0.73

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	11.48	-0.33
Congaree River	19	5.55	-2.50
Lynches River	14	10.11	-1.07
Saluda River	14	6.73	-0.03
Up. Santee River	80	82.41	-0.54
Wateree River	24	24.72	-2.59

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:58 a.m.	Sunset	5:16 p.m.
Moonrise	11:37 a.m.	Moonsset	9:43 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Nov. 21	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:20 p.m.	3.5	6:23 a.m.	0.0
Fri.	12:33 a.m.	2.8	7:19 a.m.	0.3
	1:17 p.m.	3.3	8:11 p.m.	0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	61/42/s	67/45/s
Chicago	65/52/pc	60/41/pc
Dallas	73/58/s	77/60/pc
Detroit	60/49/pc	63/39/c
Houston	79/63/pc	79/62/pc
Los Angeles	68/52/pc	70/53/pc
New Orleans	74/62/pc	74/62/pc
New York	48/44/s	61/48/s
Oriando	74/63/pc	77/65/pc
Philadelphia	51/41/s	62/45/s
Phoenix	85/61/s	86/62/pc
San Francisco	60/46/pc	61/44/s
Wash., DC	54/42/s	63/46/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Asheville	57/31/s	67/36/s	Florence	59/39/s	69/45/s
Athens	62/38/s	69/42/s	Gastonia	57/38/s	67/41/s
Augusta	65/39/s	73/44/s	Goldsboro	58/39/s	69/42/s
Beaufort	65/51/s	73/54/pc	Goose Creek	62/47/s	72/52/s
Cape Hatteras	60/53/pc	67/56/s	Greensboro	55/35/s	64/39/s
Charleston	63/48/s	72/52/pc	Greenville	57/35/s	67/39/s
Charlotte	57/35/s	67/42/s	Hickory	56/35/s	64/39/s
Clemson	58/42/s	69/45/s	Hilton Head	63/49/pc	72/53/pc
Columbia	61/38/s	70/44/s	Jacksonville, FL	68/58/pc	74/60/pc
Darlington	60/38/s	67/43/s	La Grange	64/39/s	70/43/s
Elizabeth City	58/44/s	69/46/s	Macon	65/40/s	72/44/s
Elizabethtown	59/40/s	69/44/s	Marietta	60/39/s	66/41/s
Fayetteville	57/37/s	68/42/s			
			Marion	56/33/s	66/38/s
			Mt. Pleasant	63/48/pc	73/53/pc
			Myrtle Beach	60/49/s	69/52/pc
			Orangeburg	61/42/s	70/47/s
			Port Royal	64/51/s	71/55/pc
			Raleigh	56/36/s	66/40/s
			Rock Hill	58/37/s	68/43/s
			Rockingham	58/36/s	67/39/s
			Savannah	67/51/s	73/55/pc
			Spartanburg	56/37/s	66/42/s
			Summerville	62/47/s	72/52/s
			Wilmington	61/44/s	71/47/s
			Winston-Salem	55/34/s	63/39/s

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Nancy Byer comments on her photo submission, "This is a pair of summer tanagers that visited our feeder today. They were so beautiful."

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