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COLLEGE SPORTS

4 from Sumter **School District** perform in USC spring game

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Newly appointed board members for Clarendon County's consolidated school district, excluding Alex Craven, raise their hands as they are sworn into office by Rep. Kimberly Johnson on Friday.

Delegation swears in 9 trustees for consolidated Clarendon board

County's school districts will merge into 1 in 2022

BY KAREEM WILSON

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Clarendon County's legislative delegation appointed and swore in nine new members on Friday to create the board of trustees for Clarendon County's consolidated school district next year.

This decision comes after Gov. Henry Mc-Master approved a bill introduced by state Sen. Kevin Johnson, D-Manning, earlier this month that called for the merging of two remaining Clarendon school districts. The Democrat's bill called for the consolidation of Manning-based Clarendon School District 2 and Clarendon School District 4 — the newly formed consolidated district of Clarendon 1 in Summerton and Clarendon 3 in Turbeville that goes into effect this summer — into the unified Clarendon County School District by

'This is such a historic and momentous occasion for Clarendon County," said Rep. Kimberly Johnson, D-Manning.

The delegation, consisting of Manning's father-daughter Johnsons and state Sen. Cezar McKnight, D-Kingstree, had a task of

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Sumter High parents organize 'Prom Part Two'

May 13 event for seniors and dates is in addition to the school's prom held Saturday; masks not required

BY BRUCE MILLS

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In an effort to provide as many memories as possible for the Class of 2021, a group of Sumter High School senior parents are organizing an additional prom for the school's se-

Kipper Ackerman, a parent of a Sumter High senior, spoke recently on "Prom Part Two," to be held on Thursday, May 13, at The O'Donnell House, 120 E. Liberty St., in the downtown area for seniors and their dates if they choose to have one.

The indoor/outdoor event will have a capacity of 250, and masks are not required but will be up to the individuals, she said. If school seniors choose to bring a date, the person must at least be in high school or no older than 19.

Dessert and drinks will be served, and without mask and social distancing requirements, "Prom Part Two" will have more of a regular prom feel to it than the high school's official prom on Saturday — which followed COVID-19 protocol — but Ackerman said organizers only planned for it to be in addition to the school's prom and not in lieu of it.

"This is simply an addition to help provide

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1 hurt in Pilgrim's Pride parking lot shooting

1 arrested; police say incident stemmed from argument

to recover.

BY SHELBIE GOULDING

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The Sumter County Sheriff's Office was on scene Monday at a large chicken production plant off U.S. 15 in response to a shooting

One man sustained serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital for treatment, said Deputy Adrienne Sarvis, public information officer for the sheriff's office. She said he is expected



The call about the shooting came in at about 10:45 a.m. Based on preliminary information, it appeared the incident started as a fight in the parking lot of Pilgrim's Pride,

Sarvis said. It appeared the three individuals involved in this incident are acquaintances, according to initial reports from law enforce-

An 18-year-old, Jeffrey Laverne Green Jr., of West Oakland Avenue, was taken into custody in connection with the incident. He faces charges of attempted murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

All three people involved in the incident were employees at Pilgrim's Pride at the time of the incident, Sarvis said. According to Sumter Economic Development

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USC Sumter gives away books to celebrate literacy, mental health awareness on World Book Day





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hildren filled USC Sumter's lawn at the Sumter Farmers [']Market on Friday for a World Book Day event celebrating literacy and mental health aware-

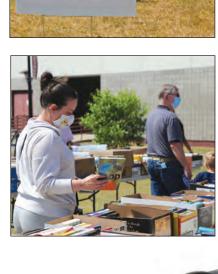
USC Sumter, along with community partners, hosted the event to provide children free readings, free books, treats, activities and a book sale.

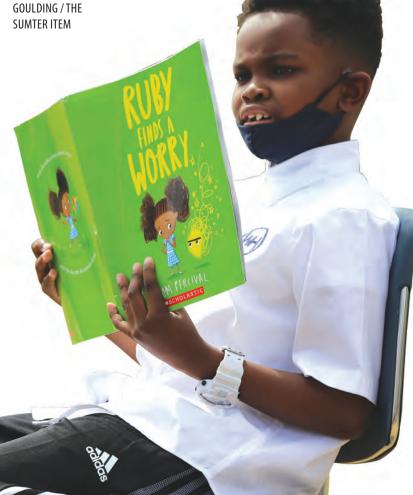
"This is really our first event back after the pandemic," said Alethia Hummel, director of marketing and public relations for USC Sumter. "It started off as a partnership with the Sumter Behavioral Health group, and they wanted a way to promote mental health awareness, especially right now. A lot of children are suffering, especially with the pandemic and being home and not being able to be social with their friends."

Young participants received a free book provided by the Kiwanis Club of Sumter and UBI Southeast National Telesales Division: "Ruby Finds a Worry" for elementary students, "Sometimes I'm Anxious" for upper

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20 area nonprofits participating in Midlands Gives

May 4 event boasts record number of nonprofits, searchable by county, COVID-19 impact, Black-led, Black-benefiting

BY KAYLA GREEN

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An annual giving campaign next week offers the opportunity to support a record-breaking number of nonprofits, including 20 in the tri-county, in a year when the road to recovery from the pandemic is still long ahead and nearly two-thirds of the state's nonprofits have indicated they will only survive six months without additional funding.

There are 480 nonprofits participating in Midlands Gives on May 4 from 6 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., an online giving campaign that asks for contributions of \$10 or more at www.MidlandsGives.org to support the continuation of critical services in health, arts and culture, human services and more.

In 2020, the day of giving raised a record-breaking \$3.3 million for 416 nonprofits, and the record-breaking number of participating nonprofits this year showcases the critical need for funding.

According to Central Carolina Community Foundation, the organization that organizes and runs the campaign, a March survey of the state's nonprofits by Together SC found that 59% think they can only survive six months or less without additional funding.

The pandemic has forced many local nonprofits to expand or redesign their services while dealing with reduced revenue," said JoAnn Turnquist, president and CEO of the community foundation. "They have displayed remarkable resilience, and the dollars they received from our community during Midlands Gives 2020 contributed to their resilience. Although we are at a turning point in the pandemic, the nonprofits that have served us well this year still need our ongoing support and partner-

Since its inception in 2014, Midlands

Who is participating in our community?

There are 20 nonprofits participating from the tri-county, including 20 in Sumter County, four in Clarendon County and one in Lee County.

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In 2020, more than \$16,400 was raised

for nonprofits in Sumter County, and

for participating nonprofits by county

cal COVID-19 needs; are Black-led and

Black-benefiting; or have matching dol-

The Midlands Gives platform, www.

Neon One and can be accessed on a mo-

bile device or desktop. It features a lead-

er board, prize tracker and searchable

profiles of all participating nonprofits.

Donors can search to find their favor-

ite causes or discover new nonprofits by

MidlandsGives.org, is hosted through

or filter for nonprofits that provide criti-

Clarendon County nonprofits were gift-

At MidlandsGives.org, you can search

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- Sumter Family YMCA • #WeBall4Destin Foundation

Sumter Salvation Army

- Sumter Habitat for Humanity Inc.
- Saving Sumter's Strays
- CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)

Clarendon

- Bella Tail Waggin' Rescue
- RBA Corporation
- JCMC-Haven of Rest
- · Clarendon County Community Development Corporation

• Life Empowerment Community Outreach

Gives has raised \$12.6 million for hunbrowsing categories such as Black-led and Black-benefiting, animals, youth dedreds of local nonprofits, helping them amplify their impact, administer vital velopment, veterans and more. Then, public services and boost the quality of donors add multiple organizations to an online "shopping cart" with donation life in the foundation's 11-county service sizes of their choice.

> One hundred percent of each contribution, less a 2.2% credit card fee and 2.8% Neon One technology fee, will go directly to the donor's selected nonprofit. Donors have the option to cover these fees at checkout. The foundation does not profit from any donations made during Midlands Gives.

If you don't want to wait until May 4 to give, early giving is open, and all donations will count toward leader board

JOIN THE VIRTUAL FUN AT THE MIDLANDS GIVES ONLINE **HEADQUARTERS**

Midlands Gives Day will be livestreamed on the foundation's Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/CentralCarolinaCommunityFoundation. Community members are invited to join the virtual celebration and cheer for local nonprofits by commenting and sharing.

More than \$155,000 in prizes are available, and surprise challenges will be announced during the day, giving viewers the opportunity to help their favorite nonprofits win additional dollars.

INCREASE YOUR IMPACT: CREATE A CHAMPION PAGE

Individuals are sharing their philanthropic passions through Champion Pages, an online tool where users create a personal giving campaign to raise money for a local nonprofit, similar to Facebook Giving.

After selecting a nonprofit and a fundraising goal, individuals can customize their page with a personal story and banner image. On May 4, users are encouraged to share their Champion Page on their social networks and send the link directly to friends and family to fundraise on behalf of the nonprofit. View Champion Pages and find more information at www.MidlandsGives. org/Champion.

YOUR GIFT GOES FURTHER WITH \$155,000 IN PRIZE INCENTIVES

In Good Company Network Members - including Dominion Energy, Aflac, Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Truist and more — are providing financial incentives, matching gifts and prizes for nonprofits on May 4.

In addition, many nonprofits have secured matching gifts from generous donors throughout the community. The impact of individuals' contributions of \$10 or more will be amplified through these sponsored prize incentives and matching funds. The full list of prizes can be found at www.MidlandsGives. org/Prizes.

Federal document submission deadline looming for some receiving UI benefits

BY BRUCE MILLS

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Thousands of unique unemployment insurance claimants in the state have a May 5 deadline for submitting a federal documentation requirement as outlined in the Continued Assistance Act or risk losing their benefits.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program provides weekly assistance for self-employed workers, freelancers, independent contractors and parttime workers, but a substantial number have not completed the

documentation requirement task, according to Heather Biance, media relations specialist, with the state Department of Employment and Workforce.

Those workers are not ordinarily eligible for unemployment insurance but have been in the pandemic if they can show they are unemployed, unable to work or unavailable to work as a direct result of COVID-19.

If PUA claimants do not comply with the requirement, the state agency is federally required to stop unemployment benefits and establish an overpayment.

"That means they would have

to pay back any UI benefits re ceived in 2021 to the agency," Bi-

She added the documents needed are those a person would have readily available, such as: W-2 forms, business license, state or federal tax returns for a business or a letter from a company offering a job.

Claimants are urged to upload documents to their online portal as soon as possible to avoid their benefits being turned off.

More information can be found at DEW's homepage, www.dew. sc.gov, and under the "How Do I"

2 die in separate weekend wrecks

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The Sumter County Coroner's Office responded to two unrelated vehicle wrecks over the weekend. On Saturday, a single-vehicle wreck occurred on Packs Landing Road in the Rimini portion of Sumter County at about 2:53 a.m.

The driver of the vehicle, Lynwood Cox, 24, of Dalzell, was pronounced dead on scene, according to Coroner Robbie Baker.

According to South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. David Jones, Cox was traveling east on Packs Landing Road before running off the roadway and striking a tree. Cox was partially ejected from the vehicle.

Next of kin has been notified, and an autopsy was scheduled for Monday at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Cox was not wearing a seatbelt. A passenger was wearing a seatbelt and was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, Jones said.

On Sunday, a two-vehicle wreck occurred on Pitts Road at Hope Court at about 1:25 a.m.

Laticia Zimmerman, 35, of Sumter, was pronounced dead on scene, according to Baker. She was not wearing a seatbelt.

Zimmerman was traveling north on Pitts Road when she crossed the center line and struck another vehicle head on, according to Jones. Occupants of the other vehicle were not injured.

Next of kin has been notified, and an autopsy will be performed Wednesday morning at MUSC.

Georgia park with giant **Confederate carving** proposes changes

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) - A park near Atlanta with a giant carving of Confederate leaders would publicly acknowledge that it was a gathering spot for the Ku Klux Klan, relocate Confederate flags and remove the carving from its logo

under proposals unveiled Monday to address criticism of its Confederate legacy.

Stone Mountain Memorial Association CEO Bill Stephens presented the proposals to the park's board, saying Stone Mountain needed to change to remain financially viable but couldn't "cancel history." The board did not immediately vote on any of them.

The park 15 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta is a popular hiking and tourist destination but is replete with Confederate imagery, including a colossal sculpture of Gen. Robert E. Lee, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson on the mountain's northern face. It is the largest Confederate monument ever crafted.

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Doing their part: Sumter High School Key Club members plant tree on Earth Day



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Sumter High Key Club International celebrated Earth Day on April 22. The Key Club members, along with their adviser, Sharon Butler McQuiller; Principal Nicholas Pearson; and Key Club sponsors Chuck Wilson and Lisa Rosdail of the Sumter Kiwanis Club joined together to plant a Japanese maple tree on the grounds of Sumter High School. The tree is planted in honor of the Sumter High Key Club 2020-21. The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Restore Our Earth," which focuses on natural processes and emerging green technologies that can restore the world's ecosystems.



S.C. grows by double digits again, tops 5M people in 2020

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's population grew by double-digit percentage points for the fifth decade in a row, but that wasn't enough for the state to add another U.S. House seat, according to U.S. census data for 2020 released Monday.

South Carolina had 5,118,425 people as of April 1, 2020. The state grew by 10.7% from 2010, adding 493,041 people, according to the census data.

South Carolina added its seventh U.S. House seat in 2010 but was not one of the six states to gain an additional seat in Congress in

The Census Bureau only released state population data Monday. Breakdowns by race, gender and age as well as county-by-county and neighborhood figures will be released later.

Estimates over the past 10 years indicate much of South Carolina's growth has come from people moving into the state, especially

older residents who are retired or close to retirement.

The sharpest growth has happened along the coast, especially in Horry County and in York and Lancaster counties, just south of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The census data will be used to redraw borders for U.S. House, state Senate, state House and local districts.

South Carolina's population was enough to move past Alabama's 5 million people to become the 23rd most populous state in the U.S. Minnesota is the 22nd most populous state at 5.7 million people.

The U.S. census is conducted every 10 years, and South Carolina has added people in every decade since the first count in 1790. The smallest growth came in the decade during the Civil War when the state added 1,898 people.

South Carolina's has grown by at least 10% in each decade 1980, when the state grew by 20.5% and topped 3 million people for the first time.

Updated bridge across Harbor River to connect sea islands to Beaufort County

BEAUFORT (AP) — Officials are opening a replacement bridge that will connect Beaufort County's mainland with nearby sea

Local media reported a ribbon-cutting ceremony was being held Monday for the bridge across the Harbor River.

The state Department of Transportation says the

new structure replaces an 82-year-old swing-span bridge. It's along U.S. Highway 21, or the Sea Island Parkway, which serves as a designated hurricane evacuation route for coastal Beaufort County.

The project is part of the agency's 10-year plan to replace hundreds of structurally deficient bridges across the state.









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Marcel Schmetz raises the U.S. flag next to a World War II American Sherman tank at his Remember Museum 39-45 in Thimister-Clermont, Belgium. Tourists from the United States who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 could be able to travel across the European Union this summer, officials from the 27-nation bloc said Monday.

Continental Europe could allow U.S. tourists back this summer

BY SAMUEL PETREQUIN

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — American tourists could soon be visiting continental Europe again, more than a year after the European Union restricted travel to the 27-nation bloc to a bare minimum to contain the coronavirus.

EU officials said Monday they are completing plans to allow Americans back this summer, depending on the course of the outbreak on both sides of the Atlantic.

The EU Commission, the EU's executive arm, will make a proposal soon to its member states but didn't say when exactly leisure travel could resume or whether a reciprocal approach will apply to Europeans wanting to visit the U.S., which has closed its doors to tourists from the con-

Also, it was not immediately clear whether all U.S. tourists would have to produce proof of vaccination for entry or whether a negative test for the coronavirus or proof of recent recovery from COVID-19 would be acceptable instead.

These are among the questions we'll still need to figure out," European Commission spokesman Adalbert Jahnz said. Jahnz said the EU's executive body is hoping to restore trans-Atlantic leisure travel "as soon as it is safe to do so."

On Sunday, The New York Times quoted Commission President Ursula von der Leyen as saying that fully vaccinated Americans will be able to visit EU countries this summer because all coronavirus vaccines used in the U.S. have also been approved by the EU's regulator, the European Medicines Agency.

'This will enable free movement and the travel to the European Union," she said. "Because one thing is clear: All 27 member states will accept, unconditionally, all those who are vaccinated with vaccines that are approved by EMA.'

With more than 15 million Americans a year visiting Europe before the crisis, the prospect of U.S. travelers once more flocking to such attractions as the Eiffel Tower, the canals of Venice or Germany's Brandenburg Gate is welcome news for the continent's hardhit tourism industry.

But EU member states will have the final say on whether to adopt the guidelines.

The International Air Transport Association, a trade group that represents 290 airlines in 120 countries, applauded the news.

"This is a step in the right direction," IATA General Director Willie Walsh said in a statement. "It gives hope to people for so many reasons to travel, to reunite with loved ones, to develop business opportunities or get back to work."

The group said people who test negative for COVID-19, not just those who get vaccinated, should be allowed to travel freely. IATA also said it is critical to develop globally recognized standards for vaccine certification. IATA is among groups testing a vaccine passport system.

Jahnz said the EU has been following closely the vaccination drive in the U.S, where more than 94 million people 18 or older, or about 36.5% of the adult population, have been fully vaccinated.

The slow rollout of vaccines in the EU has left the bloc lagging well behind the U.S. But Von der Leyen said Monday that the region, home to around 450 million people, has already passed 123 million vaccinations and is on track to have vaccinated 70% of all adults by July.

The EU is putting the finishing touches to a system of certificates that would allow EU

residents to travel freely across the region by the summer as long as they have been vaccinated, tested negative or recovered from the disease.

Under the plan discussed with their U.S. counterparts, certificates issued in the United States could be integrated into the program.

As for Britain, no longer an EU member, Americans visiting the United Kingdom have to isolate for 10 days and take coronavirus tests before and after travel.

Travel to the EU is extremely limited, confined mostly to a few countries with low infection rates, such as Australia and New Zealand. But Greece, which is heavily reliant on tourism, has already lifted quarantine restrictions for the U.S., Britain, the United Arab Emirates, Serbia, Israel and non-EU members Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland that are part of a European travel pact.

"Unilateral approaches from our perspective should be avoided," Jahnz said. "The objective is to continue to have a coordinated approach on the European level."

Meanwhile, the EU said Monday it has launched legal action against Astrazeneca accusing it of failing to meet its vaccine delivery commitments under its contract with the bloc. The slow pace of the EU vaccination campaign has been blamed in part on the de-

The British-Swedish drugmaker had hoped to deliver 80 million doses in the first quarter of 2021, but only 30 million were sent. According to the EU, the company is set to provide 70 million in the second quarter, rather than the 180 million it had promised.

AstraZeneca said in a statement that it will "strongly defend" itself in court.

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Listing your home in 2021? Here's what you need to know

BY ELIZABETH RENTER

It's a good time to be a home seller — homes are selling fast and for a premium — but that doesn't mean you can jump into the market ill-prepared. Knowing what to expect can position you to make the most of this seller's market.

Roughly 1 in 6 (17%) homeowners plan on selling their home in the next 18 months, according to a new NerdWallet survey conducted online by The Harris Poll among 2,127 homeowners. Those listings will be a welcome sight to buyers currently competing for a limited number of homes commanding top

The March survey found that this current market is playing a role in many of these home sellers' motivations. In fact, 45% of those planning to sell in the next 18 months say recent changes to the housing market, including higher asking prices and lower inventory, have spurred them to sell earlier than initially planned. If you're among the homeowners preparing to be on the favored side of this strong seller's market, here's what you need to know.

1. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO **SKIP PRESALE HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

In addition to cleaning your house for showings, preparing to sell your home often means doing minor (or major) repairs and upgrades. But homebuyers are stalking real estate listings and jumping on those that even get close to checking all the boxes, so sellers could likely save some money by limiting or forgoing expensive projects altogether.

More than 4 in 5 (81%) homeowners planning to sell in the next 18 months say they plan to spend money on major repairs or home more appealing to potential buyers prior to selling, typically planning to spend \$2,000. But 17% of those planning to sell in the next 18 months who will spend money on repairs and renovations prior to selling say they'll spend \$15,000 or more.

"You really can get away without doing renovations and minor repairs," says Holden Lewis, NerdWallet mortgages expert. "Unless the house has a major problem like a leaky roof, you're probably better off selling as-is. Make it a priority to declutter and depersonalize the home so it's easy for buyers to imagine themselves living there. The buyers can fix it up and renovate it on their own dime and schedule.'

2. IT WILL ALL MOVE VERY **QUICKLY**

If you list your home in this market, there's little question of the outcome.

'The trickiest part of navigating today's market is finding a home to replace the one you're selling."

HOLDEN LEWIS

NerdWallet mortgages expert

Barring any significant defaults or dramatic overpricing, you'll sell your home. It will happen quickly, and you could receive multiple offers over listing price.

Nearly half (45%) of homeowners planning to sell in the next 18 months say recent changes to the housing market have spurred them to sell earlier than initially planned, according to the survey. Single-family homes are in high demand, so selling now means you'll sell faster and for a higher price than you would under other conditions.

Existing homes are only on the market for an average of 20 days, according to the most recent data from the National Association of Realtors — that's listed and under contract in less than three weeks. So be prepared to sell the moment you hang that "For Sale" sign. It's ideal to have your next home already lined up, but that may be easier said than done.

3. YOU'LL FACE STIFF **COMPETITION SHOPPING** FOR A REPLACEMENT HOME

The very things that make it a good time to sell make it a tough time to buy a house. Just 10% of those planning to sell in the next 18 months say one of their primary motivations for selling is that they no longer want to be a homeowner, according to the survey. For the rest of these sellers, entering the crowded pool of homebuyers will present challenges.

Whether it's the location - such as moving closer to family, outside of the city or for a new job — or the home features, every item on your list of must-haves will make finding your next home a greater challenge.

Given the likely ease with which you'll sell and the difficulty you might have finding a replacement home, it may make sense to be under contract on a purchase when or soon after your home hits the market.

"The trickiest part of navigating today's market is finding a home to replace the one you're selling," Lewis says. "You can make the buyer's purchase contingent on your finding suitable housing. In other words, you can make your buyer wait. Normally, buyers are reluctant to accept that condition, but we're in a seller's market, and sellers make the rules.'

Ex-U.S. congressman mounts Democratic bid for S.C. governor

CHARLESTON (AP) - Former Democratic U.S. Rep. Joe Cunningham has announced he will vie for his party's nomination for the 2022 South Carolina governor's race.

Cunningham made his announcement to The Post and Courier on Sunday.

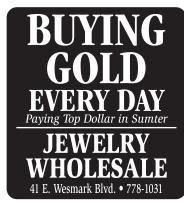
So far, he joins Democratic activist Gary Votour. The winner will face an uphill challenge to defeat Republican Gov. Henry McMaster. No Republicans have currently filed to take on the incumbent.

McMaster defeated Demo-

crat James Smith in 2018 with 54 percent of votes cast. A Democrat hasn't been elected to a statewide office in South

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SOS messages, panic as virus breaks India's health system

BY SHEIKH SAALIQ

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Dr. Gautam Singh dreads the daily advent of the ventilator beeps, signaling that oxygen levels are critically low, and hearing his critically ill patients start gasping for air in the New Delhi emergency ward where he works.

Like other doctors across the country, which on Monday set another record for new coronavirus infections for a fifth day in a row at more than 350,000, the cardiologist has taken to begging and borrowing cylinders of oxygen just to keep his most critical patients alive for one more

On Sunday evening, when the oxygen supplies of other nearby hospitals were also near empty, the desperate 43-year-old took to social media, posting an impassioned video plea on Twitter.

"Please send oxygen to us," he said with folded hands and a choked voice. "My patients are dying."

India was initially seen as a success story in weathering the pandemic, but the virus is now racing through its massive population of nearly 1.4 billion, and systems are beginning to collapse.

SOS messages like the one Singh sent reveal the extent of panic in a country where infections are hitting new peaks daily.

In addition to oxygen supplies running out, intensive care units are operating at full capacity, and nearly all ventilators are in use. As the death toll mounts, the night skies in some Indian cities glow from the funeral pyres, as crematoria are overwhelmed and bodies are burned outside in the open air.

On Monday, the country reported an additional 2,812 deaths, with roughly 117 Indians succumbing to the disease every hour — and experts say even those figures are likely an undercount. The new infections brought India's total to more than 17.3 million, be-



People perform rituals next to a funeral pyre for a family member who died of COVID-19 at an area that has been converted into a crematorium for mass cremation of COVID-19 victims in New Delhi, India, on Saturday.

hind only the United States. Doctors like Singh are on the front lines, trying to get the supplies they need to keep their patients alive.

Singh received 20 oxygen cylinders on Monday, only enough to limp the hospital through the day until the ventilators start sending out their warning beeps again.

"I feel helpless because my patients are surviving hour to hour," Singh said in a telephone interview. "I will beg again and hope someone sends oxygen that will keep my patients alive for just another day."

As bad as the situation is, experts warn it is likely to get worse.

Krishna Udayakumar, founding director of the Duke Global Health Innovation Center at Duke University, said it would be impossible for the country to keep up with needs over the coming days as things stand.

"The situation in India is tragic and likely to get worse for some weeks to months," he said, adding that a "concerted, global effort to help India at this time of crisis" is desperately needed.

The White House said the U.S. is "working around the

clock" to deploy testing kits, ventilators and personal protective equipment, and it would seek to provide oxygen supplies as well. It said it would also make available sources of raw material urgently needed to manufacture Covishield, the Oxford-Astra-Zeneca vaccine made by the Serum Institute of India.

"Just as India sent assistance to the United States as our hospitals were strained early in the pandemic, we are determined to help India in its time of need," President Joe Biden said in a tweet.

Help and support were also offered from archrival Pakistan, which said it could provide relief including ventilators, oxygen supply kits, digital X-ray machines, protective equipment and related items.

Germany's Health Ministry said it was "urgently working to put together an aid package" for India consisting of ventilators, monoclonal antibodies, the drug Remdesivir, as well as surgical and N95 protective masks.

Stung by criticism of its lack of preparation ahead of the wave of infections, the federal government has asked industrialists to increase the production of oxygen and

life-saving drugs in short sup-

But many say it is too late the breakdown a stark failure for a country that boasted of being a model for other developing nations.

Only three months ago, the country's leaders were boisterous, delivering messages that the worst was over.

In January, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared victory over the coronavirus, telling the virtual gathering of the World Economic Forum that India's success couldn't be compared with anywhere else.

A little less than a month later, his Bharatiya Janata Party passed a resolution hailing Modi as a "visionary leader" who had already "defeated" the virus.

By the second week of March, India's health minister declared that the country was "in the endgame" of the pandemic.

At the same time, the patients arriving at India's hospitals were far sicker and younger than previously seen, prompting warnings by health experts that India was sitting on a ticking timebomb, which went either unnoticed or ignored.

Millions of Hindu devotees celebrated the festival of Holi across the country at the end of March, foregoing social distancing guidelines and masks. Politicians, including Modi, spearheaded mammoth election rallies where tens of thousands participated without masks. And millions more gathered by the Ganges River for special Hindu prayers as recently as last week.

Now it's suspected all these events might have accelerated the unprecedented surge India is seeing now.

"Many people across India are paying with their lives for that shameful behavior by political leaders," Udayakumar

In a radio address on Sunday, Modi sought to deflect the criticism and said the "storm" of infections had left the country "shaken."

"It is true that many people

are getting infected with corona," he said. "But the number of people recovering from corona is equally high."

India's government said last week it would expand its vaccination program to make all adults eligible, something long urged by health experts.

But vaccinations take time to show their effect on the numbers of new infections, and there are questions of whether manufacturers will be able to keep up with the demand. The pace of vaccination across the country also appears to be struggling.

Meantime, ordinary citizens are taking matters into their own hands, doing what they say the government should have done a long time ago.

Volunteers, from students to technology professionals, nonprofit organizations and journalists, are rallying to circulate information on the availability of hospital beds, critical drugs and oxygen cylinders.

Like Dr. Singh, many have taken to social media, particularly Twitter, to crowdsource lists of plasma donors and oxygen cylinder supplies.

The system's imperfect, but some are getting badly needed

Rashmi Kumar, a New Delhi homemaker, spent her Sunday scouring Twitter, posting desperate pleas for an oxygen cylinder for her critically ill father.

At the same time, she made countless calls to hospitals and government helpline numbers, to no avail.

By evening her 63-year-old father was gasping for breath.

"I was prepared for the worst," Kumar said.

But out of nowhere, a fellow Twitter user reported an available oxygen cylinder some 37 miles away. Kumar drove to the person's house where she was handed over the oxygen cylinder by a man.

"I was helped by a stranger when my own government continues to fail thousands like me," she said. "Unfortunately, everyone is on their own now."

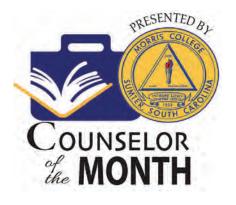
Crestwood's Cassandra Breland named Morris College Counselor of the Month for April

This is the first in a new contest series called Counselor of the Month. Presented by Morris College, the public is asked to nominate their favorite high school guidance counselor in public and private schools throughout Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties. After the nomination period, the public votes between four finalists determined by The Sumter Item staff. The Counselor of the Month will be announced in *The Sumter Item*'s newspaper and online at *www*. theitem.com/counselor on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The winner receives a \$50 gift certificate to a different local business each month and Morris College swag.

April 2021 Counselor of the Month - Cassandra Breland, **Crestwood High School**

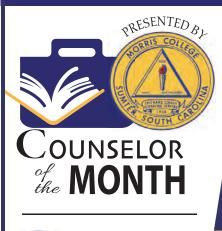
"Mrs. Cassandra Breland is the lead guidance counselor at Crestwood High

School. From the death of students, loved ones, runaway students, Mrs. Breland has always been there during the time of need. Mrs. Breland's students are her first priority. She is always willing to assist the other counselors when she sees the need is there. She is not only a great guidance counselor for students, she is also a very good encourager for the faculty and staff of Crestwood High School. Mrs. Breland was recently nominated as school teacher of the year, a title that is awarded to one certified staff member (teacher, counselor, media specialist, etc.) in each school. Although she did not win the title, she con-



tinues to serve her students with care and compassion. During this pandemic, Mrs. Breland has continued to be a listening ear for many of the students, parents and staff members of Crestwood High School. She is the strongest and most positive person I know."





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Student's Snapchat profanity leads to high court speech case

BY MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fourteen-vear-old Brandi Levv was having that kind of day where she just wanted to scream. So she did, in a profanity-laced posting on Snapchat that has, improbably, ended up before the Supreme Court in the most significant case on student speech in more than 50 years.

At issue is whether public schools can discipline students about something they say off-campus. The topic is especially meaningful in a time of remote learning because of the coronavirus pandemic and a rising awareness of the pernicious effects of online bullying.

Arguments are on Wednesday, via telephone because of the pandemic, before a court on which several justices have school-age children or recently did.

The case has its roots in the Vietnam-era case of a high school in Des Moines, Iowa, that suspended students who wore armbands to protest the war. In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court sided with the students, declaring students don't "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Ever since, courts have wrestled with the contours of the decision in Tinker v. Des Moines in 1969.

Levy's case has none of the lofty motives of Tinker and more than its share of teenage angst.

Levy and a friend were at a convenience store in her hometown of Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, when she took to social media to express her frustration at being kept on her high school's junior varsity cheerleading squad for another year.

– school f– – cheer f everything," Levy wrote, in a post that also contained a photo in which she and a classmate raised their middle fingers.

The post was brought to the attention of the team's coaches, who suspended Levy from the cheerleading team for a

Levy, now 18, is finishing her freshman year in college. "I was a 14-year-old kid. I was upset, I was angry. Everyone, every 14-year-old kid speaks like that at one point," she said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Her parents knew nothing about the Snapchat post until she was suspended, she said. "My parents were more concerned on how I was feeling," Levy said, adding she wasn't grounded or otherwise punished for what she did.

Instead, her parents filed a federal lawsuit, claiming the suspension violated their daughter's constitutional speech rights.

Lower courts agreed and restored her to the cheerleading team. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia held that "Tinker does not apply to off-campus speech." The court said it was leaving for another day "the First Amendment implications of off-campus student speech that threatens violence or harasses others."

But the school district, education groups, the Biden administration and anti-bullying organizations said in court filings that the appeals court went too far.

does not categorically prohibit public schools from disciplining students for speech

Supreme Court to take up right to carry gun for self-defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to hear an appeal to expand gun rights in the United States in a New York case over the right to carry a firearm in public for self-defense.

The case marks the court's first foray into gun rights since Justice Amy Coney Barrett came on board in October, making a 6-3 conservative majority.

The justices said Monday they will review a lower-court ruling that upheld New York's restrictive gun permit law. The court's action follows mass shootings in recent weeks in Indiana, Georgia, Colorado and California.

The case probably will be argued in the

The court had turned down review of the issue in June, before Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death.

New York is among eight states that limit who has the right to carry a weapon in public. The others are: California, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

In the rest of the country, gun owners have little trouble legally carrying their weapons when they go out.

Paul Clement, representing challengers to New York's permit law, said the court should use the case to settle the issue once and for all. "Thus, the nation is split, with the Second Amendment alive and well in the vast middle of the nation, and those same rights disregarded near the coasts,' Clement wrote on behalf of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association and two New York residents.

Calling on the court to reject the appeal, the state said its law promotes public safety and crime reduction and neither bans people from carrying guns nor allows everyone to do so.

Federal courts have largely upheld the permit limits. Last month an 11-judge panel of the federal appeals court in San Francisco rejected a challenge to Hawaii's permit regulations in an opinion written by a conservative judge, Jay Bybee.

"Our review of more than 700 years of English and American legal history reveals a strong theme: government has the power to regulate arms in the public square," Bybee wrote in a 7-4 decision for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The issue of carrying a gun for self-defense has been seen for several years as the next major step for gun rights at the Supreme Court, following decisions in 2008 and 2010 that established a nationwide right to keep a gun at home for self-de-

In June, Justice Clarence Thomas, joined by Justice Brett Kavanaugh, complained that rather than take on the constitutional issue, "the Court simply looks the other way.'

But Barrett has a more expansive view of gun rights than Ginsburg. She wrote a dissent in 2019, when she was a judge on the federal appeals court in Chicago, that argued that a conviction for a nonviolent felony — in this case, mail fraud shouldn't automatically disqualify someone from owning a gun.

She said that her colleagues in the majority were treating the Second Amendment as a "second-class right, subject to an entirely different body of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees."

that occurs off campus," acting Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar wrote on behalf of the administration. from five feet outside the Philip Lee, a University of

District of Columbia law professor who has written about regulation of cyberbullying, said it makes no sense to draw the line on policing students' speech at the edge of campus.

"Most cyberbullying content is created off campus on computers, iPads, all kinds of electronic devices," said Lee, who joined a legal brief with other education scholars that calls for a nuanced approach to regulating student speech in the internet age.

"But at same time, you don't want situation where schools are monitoring everyone's speech at home," he said.

The Mahanoy Area School District declined to comment on the case, its lawyer, Lisa Blatt, said.

But in her brief for the district, Blatt wrote, "This case is about how schools address the bad days.'

Schools should not be forced "to ignore speech that disrupts the school environment or invades other students' rights just because students launched that speech schoolhouse gate," Blatt

The school's approach would allow educators to police what students say round the clock, said Witold "Vic' Walczak of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing Levy.

"And that is super dangerous. Not only would students like Brandi not be able to express non-unreatening, non-harassing bursts of frustration, but it would give schools the possibility of regulating important political and religious speech," Walczak said.

An unusual alliance of conservative and liberal interest groups has formed behind Levy, all pointing to the dangers of expanding school regulation of students' speech.

The Alliance Defending Freedom and Christian Legal Society urged the court to affirm the appellate ruling because of "the perils of schools regulating off-campus speech. Religious speech, in particular, provokes debate and inflames passions."

Mary Beth and John Tinker, the siblings at the center of the 1969 case, also are on Levy's side. Their protest, updated for the digital age, would have included a social media component, perhaps a black armband digitally imposed on their school's logo, they wrote in a high-court

The outcome proposed by the school district would have left them subject to discipline,

me imkers wrote. Walczak, the ACLU lawyer, acknowledged that the "speech here is not the most important in the world. This isn't political or religious speech."

But Levy's outburst has made her a potential successor to the Tinkers and their antiwar protest from the

"I'm just trying to prove a point that young students and adults like me shouldn't be punished for them expressing their own feelings and letting others know how they feel," Levy said.

Apple announces 1st East Coast campus in N.C.

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Apple is expanding spending in the U.S. and announced plans Monday to build its first East Coast campus, in North Caroli-

The iPhone maker is boosting U.S. spending to \$430 billion over the next five years and doubling its hiring plans by 20,000 jobs. It had said it would spend \$350 billion in January 2018, just after Congress approved a big tax overhaul that cut corporate taxes.

Apple says it is stepping up investment as the U.S. begins rebuilding from the COVID-19 pandemic. The company for years has emphasized its role in the U.S. economy to help counter criticism about its reliance on overseas factories, often taking advantage of local tax breaks.

Apple will invest \$1 billion in North Carolina, and the campus in the Raleigh-Durham area's Research Triangle Park is expected to bring at least 3,000 new jobs to the state in machine learning, artificial intelligence, software engineering and other fields. The workers will have an average annual salary of about \$185,000.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper said that once Apple creates the jobs, the tech giant will be eligible for incentives he considers "transformational." Apple is slated to receive nearly \$846 million in tax reimbursements in the next 39 years. Cooper thinks Apple's announcement will encourage other companies to move to North Carolina and have a positive ripple effect on local businesses in the Raleigh area.

"Once this campus is up and running, it's expected to generate more than \$1.5 billion a year in economic impact to our state," Cooper said in a news conference Monday morning.

The construction timeline is not yet clear, though state officials said Apple has told them it wants to get the new campus up and running as soon as pos-

"This is an important milestone that strengthens our position as a tech hub," said Michael Haley, executive director of Wake County Economic Development.

Apple also said it plans to es tablish a \$100 million fund to support schools and community initiatives in the Raleigh-Durham area and contribute more than \$110 million in North Carolina infrastructure spending.

The company is also expanding its teams in Colorado, Massachusetts, Texas, Washington, New York, California and other states.

State Commerce Secretary Machelle Sanders said the 3,000 positions Apple will create will be in addition to the company's existing 1,100-worker footprint

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Feds fund mental health crisis teams to stand in for police

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When police respond to a person gripped by a mental health or drug crisis, the encounter can have tragic results. Now a government insurance program will help communities set up an alternative: mobile teams with mental health practitioners trained in de-escalating such potentially volatile situations.

The effort to reinvent policing after the death of George Floyd in police custody is getting an assist through Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for low-income people and the largest payer for mental health treatment. President Joe Biden's recent coronavirus relief bill calls for an estimated \$1 billion over 10 years for states that set up mobile crisis teams, currently locally operated in a handful of places.

Many 911 calls are due to a person experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis. Sometimes, like with Daniel Prude in Rochester, New York, the consequences are shocking. The 41-year-old Black man died after police placed a spit hood over his head and held him to the pavement for about two minutes on a cold night in 2020 until he stopped breathing. He had run naked from his brother's house after being released from a hospital following a mental health arrest. A grand jury voted down charges against the officers.

Dispatching teams of paramedics and behavioral health practitioners would take mental health crisis calls out of the hands of uniformed and armed officers, whose mere arrival

may ratchet up tensions. In Eugene, Oregon, such a strategy has been in place more than 30 years, with solid backing from

The concept "fits nicely with what we are trying to do around police reform." Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner said. The logic works "like a simple math problem," he adds.

"If I can rely on a mechanism that matches the right response to the need, it means I don't have to put my officers in these circumstances," Skinner explained. "By sending the right resources, I can make the assumption that there are going to be fewer times when officers are in situations that can turn violent. It actually de-conflicts, reducing the need for use of force."

Eugene is a medium-size city about 100 miles south of Portland, known for its educational institutions. The program there is called Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets, or CA-HOOTS, and is run by the White Bird Clinic. CAHOOTS is part of the local 911 emergency response system but operates independently of the police, although there's coordination. Crisis teams are not sent on calls involving violent situa-

"We don't look like law enforcement," White Bird veteran Tim Black said. "We drive a big white cargo van. Our responders wear a T-shirt or a hoodie with a logo. We don't have handcuffs or pepper spray, and the way we start to interact sends a message that we are not the police, and this is going to be a far safer and voluntary interaction."

CAHOOTS teams handled 24,000 calls in the local area in 2019, and Black said the vast



WILLIAM HOLDERFIELD VIA AP

Crisis Workers, Emergency Medical Technicians Henry Cakebread and Ashley Barnhill-Hubbard with CA-HOOTS, a mental health crisis intervention program, discuss their last encounter during their night shift in Eugene, Oregon.

majority would have otherwise fallen to police. Many involve homeless people. The teams work to resolve the situation that prompted the call and to connect the person involved to ongoing help and support.

At least 14 cities across the country are interested in versions of that model, said Simone Brody, executive director of What Works Cities, a New Yorkbased nonprofit that tries to promote change through effective use of data.

"It's really exciting to see the federal government support this model," Brody said. "I am hopeful that three years from now we will have multiple models and ideally some data that shows this has actually saved people's lives." Portland, Oregon, launched its own crisis teams in February, and the program has already expanded to serve more areas of the community.

About 1,000 people a year are shot dead by police, according to an analysis by the Treatment Advocacy Center, which examined several publicly available

estimates. Severe mental illness is a factor in at least 25% of such shootings, it estimated. The center advocates for improved mental health care.

Mobile crisis teams found their way into the COVID-19 relief bill through the efforts of Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden, who chairs the Finance Committee, which oversees Medicaid.

"Too often law enforcement is asked to respond to situations that they are not trained to handle," Wyden said. "On the streets in challenging times, too often the result is violence, even fatal violence, particularly for Black Americans.'

Wyden's legislation includes \$15 million in planning grants to help states get going. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the program could take a couple of years to fully implement. The \$1 billion will be available to states for five years, beginning next April. Wyden said it's a "down payment" on what he hopes will become a permanent part of Medicaid.

The idea may be well-timed,

said Medicaid expert MaryBeth Musumeci, of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. The coronavirus pandemic has worsened society's pervasive mental health and substance abuse problems. At the same time, protests about police shootings of Black people have created an appetite for anything that could break the cycle.

"All of those things coming together are putting increased focus on the need for further developing effective behavioral health treatment models," Musumeci said.

In Rhode Island, nurse turned malpractice lawyer Laura Harrington is helping coordinate a grassroots campaign to incorporate crisis teams into the state's 911 system. She said she's been surprised at the level of interest.

"I don't want to get into blaming," Harrington said. "We could blame social services. We could blame people who don't take their medications. We could blame the police. I want to move forward and solve problems."

Summer food program expanding for 34M schoolchildren

BY JOSH BOAK The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Biden administration is expanding a program to feed as many as 34 million schoolchildren during the summer months, using funds from the coronavirus relief package approved in March.

The Agriculture Department announced Monday that it will continue through the summer a payments program that replaced school meals because the pandemic left many children with virtual classes. Families of eligible children would receive \$6.82 per child for each weekday. That adds up to \$375 per child during the summer months.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack called the summer benefits a "firstof-its-kind, game-changing intervention to reduce child hunger in the United States."

The program reflects the Biden administration's attempts to nearly stamp out child poverty — an unprecedented push with money for parents, child care centers and schools that could revamp the social safety net. Conservative critics have warned that the spending, if made permanent, could undermine the willingness of poorer Americans to

Stacy Dean, deputy undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services at Agriculture, said that Congress previously approved limited funding for pilot programs to test the effectiveness of the payments. But the coronavirus relief package allowed it to be rolled out nation-

Besides the food aid, the relief package allowed parents to receive roughly \$250 a month starting in July for each child between the ages of 6 and 17. Qualifying families with a child under 6 would receive \$300 monthly. The payments are part of an enhanced child tax credit that would expire at the end of this year, according to the terms of the most recent coronavirus relief package.

President Joe Biden plans to extend the monthly payments through 2025. The extension would be part of a multitrillion-dollar plan that he intends to announce Wednesday in a joint address to Congress.

Democratic lawmakers have called for making the enhanced tax credit permanent, with Sens. Michael Bennet of Colorado, Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Cory Booker of New Jersey and Reps. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, Suzan DelBene of Washington state and Ritchie Torres of New York issuing a statement last week.

"Expansion of the child tax credit is the most significant policy to come out of Washington in generations, and Congress has an historic opportunity to provide a lifeline to the middle class and to cut child poverty in hair on a permanent basis, April 20 statement said.

When the school year ends, children have traditionally shifted to other forms of food aid such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP. Yet administration officials said that summer feeding programs tend to reach less than 20% of the number

served during the school year. Children could qualify for the new summer benefit if they are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year or if they are under age 6 and live in a SNAP household. Children already on SNAP would get the benefits as a supplement to what they already re-

ceive.



Attorney: Black man killed by deputies shot in back of head

JONATHAN DREW

The Associated Press

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. — A Black man killed by deputies in North Carolina was shot in the back of his head and had his hands on the car steering wheel when they opened fire, attorneys for the family said Monday after body camera video was shown to his relatives.

Attorney Chantel Cherry-Lassiter watched a 20-second portion of body camera video with the family of Andrew Brown Jr. on Monday. She said Brown did not appear to be a threat to officers as he backed his vehicle out and tried to drive

"He was not threatening them in any kind of fashion," she told reporters at a news conference.

When asked whether Brown was shot in the back, attorney Harry Daniels said, "Yes, back of the head."

An eyewitness account and emergency scanner traffic had previously indicated Brown was shot in the back as he tried to drive away.

Lassiter, who watched the video multiple times and took notes, said shooting started as soon as the video started. She said she counted as many as eight deputies in the video, some wearing tactical uniforms and some in plainclothes.

"They're shooting and saying 'let me see your hands'

at the same time," she said. The family's lawyers also

criticized local authorities for only showing 20 seconds of the video and only showing them footage from a single body camera.

"They're trying to hide something," attorney Benjamin Crump said.

Earlier Monday, a search warrant was released saying deputies obtained the warrant that brought them there after investigators recorded him selling small amounts of cocaine and methamphetamine to an informant. Crump argued the authorities were trying to release negative information about Brown while shielding themselves by holding back the video.



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Kirk Rivers addresses demonstrators outside City Hall as they await members of the city council, who held an emergency meeting on Friday in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, regarding the death of Andrew Brown Jr., who was shot and killed by a Pasquotank County deputy sheriff earlier in the week.

Brown's fatal shooting last Wednesday in Elizabeth City has prompted days of protests, calls for the public release of deputy body camera video and civil rights leaders decrying that warrants should not lead to a fatal

shooting. Signs including emergency scanner traffic and an eyewitness account had already indicated Brown was shot in the back as he was trying to drive away. Authorities have released few details.



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Dr. Falecia Miller from Clarendon School District 2's board of trustees is sworn into office by Rep. Kimberly Johnson at Friday's meeting.

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dwindling down from 16 candidates — nine who currently serve on Clarendon 2 and seven from Clarendon 4 — to find the nine school board members for the consolidated district board. The delegation selected each candidate with "veteran leadership" from existing boards to serve as a trustee for the consolidated district.

The delegation appointed five members from Clarendon 2's board and four from Clarendon 4. These nine members are Ceth Land, Robert Fleming, Falecia Miller, Linda Lemon and Arthur Moyd Sr. from Clarendon 2 and Ron Wingard, Luther Faulk, Tony Junious and Alex Craven, who was absent at Friday's swearing-in, from Clarendon 4.

Because each member is now appointed to this board, his or her vacated position will be replaced by more appointed members community by the delegation. Joseph Postell, Kathleen Gibson, John Hardy and Amanda McConnell were appointed to Clarendon 4, and King Cutter, Sharmane Anderson, Quadri Bell and Kevin Lemon were appointed to Clarendon 2, with the delegation still trying to find a fifth candidate to sit on the Clarendon 2 board.

Each of the nine members will serve on the Clarendon County School District Board of Trustees until board members are elected by the public by the beginning of 2024.

SHOOTING

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data, the chicken plant, which produces and packages fresh and frozen poultry products, is the second-largest industrial employer in Sumter County.

Pocalla Springs Elementary

School, Furman Middle School and Lakewood High School were under

lockdown until about 12:30 p.m. in response to this incident, which is being deemed isolated, including securing exterior doors and locking students and teachers in their classrooms.

PROM

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as many memorable opportunities as possible for the Class of 2021," Ackerman said.

Local DJ Howie D will be handling the entertainment, and a photographer will also be on hand. Prom Part Two is scheduled for 8 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$30, Acker-

man said, and community donations are welcomed to offset event costs.

Any extra funds after expenses are cov-

ered will be donated to the Sumter High School Memorial Scholarship Fund, she added.

Ackerman compilmented Sumter High officials for their efforts in putting together "Promish. The 2021 Promdemic Experience," amid safety protocols on Saturday on the school's campus. The high school's principal, Nicholas Pearson, said Monday that about 100 students attended the event, which was planned to be held in a grassy area in front of

enrolled at Sumter High. "We just wanted to do

the building but was

moved inside because of

According to school data, there are 512 seniors

some extra with 'Prom Part Two,' almost like a 'bonus prom' for the seniors since they missed their junior year's prom

man said. The deadline to pur-

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WHERE: The O'Donnell House,

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120 E. Liberty St.

Young)

as well last year," Acker-

chase tickets is May 10, but they are going quickly, and space is limited, she added.

According to Ackerman. "Prom Part Two" was pushed

back on the calendar to not interfere with Sumter School District's other two high school prom events Saturday at Crestwood High and May 8 at Lakewood High.

Tickets can be purchased online by sending \$30 per ticket to @prompart2tickets (Beth Ann Young) on Venmo. The Venmo receipt will serve as students' tickets on the night of the event.

No tickets can be purchased at the door.

Donations can also be made on Venmo, she said



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER EDGE / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Students pose in front of Sumter High School on Saturday for a COVID-19-impacted prom, dubbed Prom-ish. The event featured refreshments and decorated spaces to take photos. Parents of Sumter seniors are planning a "Prom Part Two" to supplement the year-end festivities offered to students. Find more photos from Sumter's Prom-ish this week in The Sumter Item.





Spaces inside the school were decorated for students to use to take photos.

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elementary and "My Anxious Mind" for middle school students.

All three books were themed around mental health.

"It's a celebration of not only literacy but mental health awareness," Hummel said. "Our education program wanted to promote literacy for World Book Day, so they just figured it was a really good combination to have the two come together."

According to Hummel, the two partners provided 100 copies of each book, providing 300 students with literature and a resource for mental health.

'We invited the school district, we invited the new Liberty STEAM charter, pretty much any kid in the community," said Christina Lunsmann, program coordinator and instructor of teacher education at USC

This was Lunsmann's first event since joining USC Sumter in March 2020, and she had a goal to provide the students with a sense of normalcy on top of providing free books to the children in the community.

"Because of COVID and the increase in anxiety and loneliness with students, we wanted to give them some resources for managing those emotions and for talking about the things they're dealing with," she said. "I hope they feel that literacy is important and that their mental health is important as well."

There was also a book sale for readers of all levels to help fund the Student Professional Education Association of Sumter.

According to Hummel, the event had a

great turnout.

"We're really hoping this will be an annual event for us," she said. "We love inviting the community on our campus.'

Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine, free test in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee counties: April 27-May 2

All South Carolinians aged 16 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and can schedule appointments. Currently, Pfizer is the only vaccine available to those aged 16-18. Moderna is available to those aged 18 and older.

Visit *scdhec.gov/vaxlocator* to see the locations accepting vaccination appointments. To register for a DHEC-sponsored clinic, call the vaccine line at 1-866-365-8110 or visit https://cvas.dhec.sc.gov.

At this time, DHEC-sponsored clinics only administer Moderna vaccines.

Clinics open for appointments:

SUMTER COUNTY

- Wednesday, April 28 Tandem Health, 370 S. Pike West, Sumter, SC 29150. Visit https://www.tandemhealthsc.org/covid-19-vaccine/ and click "Start Your Vaccine Request." Call (803) 774-7894 for help and leave a voicemail. Open 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29 Morris College, 100 W. College St., Sumter, SC 29150. Call 1-866-365-8110 or visit https://cvas.dhec.sc.gov to register in advance.
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and click "Start Your Vaccine Request." Call (803) 774-7894 for help and leave a voicemail. Open 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Friday, April 30 – Tandem Health, 370 S. Pike West, Sumter, SC 29150. Visit https://www.tandemhealthsc.org/covid-19-vaccine/ and click "Start Your Vaccine Request." Call (803) 774-7894 for help and leave a voicemail. Open 8:30 a.m.-noon.

LEE COUNTY

- Tuesday, April 27 Chappell Park, 397 Chappell Drive, Bishopville, SC 29010. Call 1-866-365-8110 or visit https://cvas.dhec.sc. gov to register in advance.
- Wednesday, April 28 Bethlehem UMC, 115 W. Church St., Bishopville, SC 29110. This is a drive-up unit. Walk-ins welcome. No appointment necessary. Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., closed noon-12:45
- Friday, April 30 Mt. Olive AME Church, 2738 Woodrow Road, Sumter, SC 29153. Call 1-866-365-8110 or visit https://cvas.dhec.sc.gov to register in advance.
- Friday, April 30 New Zion AME Church, 78 Elliott Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010. This is a drive-up unit. Walk-ins welcome. No appointment necessary. Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., closed noon-12:45 p.m.

TESTING INFORMATION

Free community testing sites for COVID-19 scheduled for this week:

SUMTER COUNTY

Central Carolina Technical Col-

• Where: 506 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150

- When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily · Sponsored by Tour Health
- Go to *www.tourhealth.com* to schedule an appointment.

LEE COUNTY

DHEC-sponsored COVID-19 testing will be open on weekdays at the Lee County Health Department, 810 Brown St., Bishopville, SC 29010, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

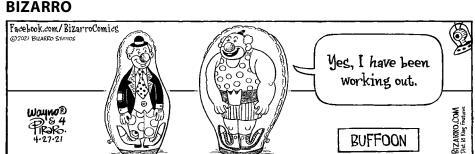
Preregistration encouraged: visit https://scdhec.gov/gettested.

CLARENDON COUNTY

DHEC-sponsored COVID-19 testing will be open on weekdays at the Clarendon County Health Department, 110 E. Boyce St., Manning, SC 29102, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Preregistration encouraged: visit https://scdhec.gov/gettested.

Editor's note: This is not an exclusive list and was provided by DHEC. For a complete list, call DHEC's vaccine hotline at 1-866-365-8110, or go to https://vaxlocator. dhec.sc.gov/for an interactive map.



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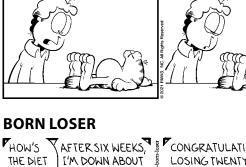


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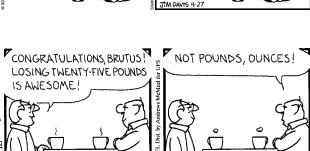




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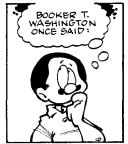
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE





Connecting with teens will impact new relationship



Dear Abby ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — After I ended a 20-year marriage, I took some time off from relationships and am now back in the dating world. My ex-husband and I never had

children. I recently met a man with two teenagers. He says I am "detached" from children. I am not detached! I just never had experience with them. How do I proceed with this relationship since his kids are very dear to him?

Not detached

DEAR NOT DETACHED — This man's offspring are no longer

"children." They are teenagers, and teens can be complicated. Reach out to them the way you would anyone of any age. Be friendly and show them you are interested in them. If they have a mother in the picture, do not try to "mother" them. See if you share any common interests (sports, music, fashion, etc.), resist the urge to lecture them, and be a good listener.

DEAR ABBY — Back around 1987, a girl asked me to take her to her high school prom. I was several years older, didn't know her well and wanted to say no but couldn't. In the end I stood her up. I don't even remember her name. She worked at a grocery store with my brother.

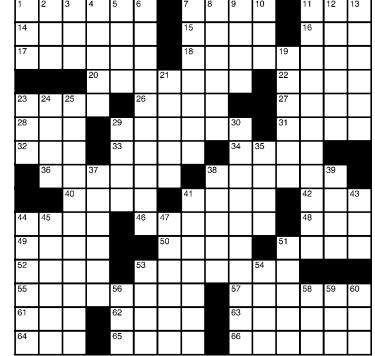
That was more than 30 years ago. I am married now and have two fine children. I was recently asked what my biggest regret is, and I said standing her up. Not one week has gone by in the last 30 years that I haven't thought about her and wished I could find her and tell her how truly sorry I am.

It's funny. Although I can't remember her name, there's no one from my past that I have thought about more than her. I would give anything to find her and apologize. It

haunts me. Any suggestions? Biggest regret in the South

DEAR BIGGEST REGRET — What you did to that girl was brutal. Because it's not possible for you to directly offer the apology she deserves, concentrate harder on the present and always try to treat everyone with kindness and sensitivity.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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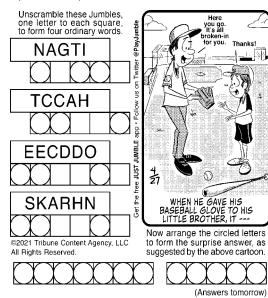
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Ex-South Carolina sheriff is 13th convicted since 2010

COLUMBIA (AP) — A former South Carolina sheriff has been convicted in federal court of abusing his power and stealing money from government programs.

Ex-Chester County Sheriff Alex Underwood is the 13th sheriff in South Carolina to be convicted of criminal charges since 2010.

Underwood, 57, could face years in prison when he is sentenced in a few months. A jury on Friday found him guilty of conspiracy, wire fraud,

deprivation of rights and federal program theft.

The felony convictions also end Underwood's 35 years in law enforcement, which included a long career as a State Law Enforcement Division agent before being elected sheriff in Chester County in 2012.

Convicted along with Underwood were two of his former deputies-Johnny Neal and Robert Sprouse after a two-week trial.

The investigation into Underwood

started after he jailed a man for three days for no reason after the man recorded the aftermath of a police chase and wreck that happened near his home.

Underwood created a false police report when the FBI started to investigate that said the man stepped out of his yard into the public roadway and cursed at police, according to indict-

FBI agents would later find Underwood skimmed overtime meant for

his deputies, used taxpayer money to fly first-class to a Las Vegas conference with his wife and then tried to cover up that she went and had on-duty deputies work to build a party barn at his home, even pulling officers away from drug stakeouts, prosecutors said.

Underwood's lawyer told reporters outside the federal courthouse Friday that he will appeal, although he wants to review the case before deciding the exact reasons.

OBITUARIES

REGINALD EUGENE DANIELS

Reginald Eugene Daniels "Gene," of Jefferson, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 23, 2021. Survived by his loving wife, Linda Hiers Daniels, he was the son



DANIELS

of Clyde Daniels and Mildred Anne Connell Frederick, both deceased. Gene was a man of many interests and talents, as evidenced by his numerous career

decisions throughout his life, from grocery butcher to professional photographer to running a ranch to his final career as a financial and estate planner. He loved his Lord, his family and his friends and always sought ways to glorify his Savior by helping others. He was a member of Jefferson First United Methodist Church, where he had served as a Sunday School teacher for children and adults and as a member of the Finance Committee. He was a patriot who loved his country and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

Prior to his illness, he could often be seen walking the greens of his favorite golf courses, constantly trying to improve his game. He also loved to play bridge, and on many afternoons in the past few years, he was dealing the cards and making his bid. In fact, he taught bridge to many of his friends and neighbors.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by two sisters, Patricia Ann Johnson and Lorene Maynor, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Gene was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Richaru Frederick, and his broth er, William Mack Daniels.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Jefferson First United Methodist Church in Jefferson, Georgia, today at 2 p.m. There will not be a visitation.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Jefferson First United Methodist Church, 188 Martin St., Jefferson, GA 30549. Special appreciation is expressed to the nurses on the orthopedic wing at Athens Piedmont Hospital and St. Mary's Hospice for their compassionate care of Gene and his family.

Online condolences can be made at www.evansfuneralhomeinc.com.

Evans Funeral Home Inc., 1350 Winder Highway, Jefferson, Georgia; (706) 367-5467.

DONALD LAWRENCE PETTY

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Donald Lawrence Petty, 77, husband of Patricia Ann Pelzer Petty and son of the late George and Elnora Strachan



Petty, was born on May 25, 1944, in Miami, Florida. He departed this life on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at his residence. Public viewing

was held on

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

Mr. Petty will be placed in the church today at 9:30 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150, with Pastor Marion H. Newton, eulogist, and Dr. Nate Brock, officiating.

Interment will follow in Fort Jackson National Ceme-

In lieu of flowers/donations, please make contributions to Jehovah MBC or Sumter United Ministries.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., 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.

DORIS JEAN HILLMAN

Doris Jean Hillman, our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2021, at her home.

Born Jan. 23, 1932, in DeRosett, Tennessee, she was a



HILLMAN

daughter of the late Oscar and Mary Burden. She was one of seven children. She was a retired Registered Nurse, who worked as a

Sumter County school nurse and as an RN at Tuomey Hospital.

She was an avid gardener who shared plants with many friends throughout Sumter County. She loved to sew and particularly loved to make quilts. Hand-stitched quilts were given to many family members. In our neighborhood, any child who had a cut or scrape would come to mom to get bandages. Most of all, she cherished and loved her family. She nurtured and protected her family throughout her life.

Doris is survived by her husband of 63 years, Robert E. Hillman; two daughters, Mary Hillman Pardue (Mike) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Cynthia Hillman Siegel of Sumter; a son, Joseph Lee Hillman of Sumter; along with five precious grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who brought her lots of joy.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Staunton Hillman.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at noon Wednesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob White officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

The Hillman family would like to thank all of the caregivers from Caris Hospice who lovingly cared for Doris

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

DONALD LYNN BEASLEY

SUMMERVILLE — Donald Lynn Beasley, 59, died on Sunday, April 25, 2021, at his residence. He was the son of Frances Chandler Beasley and the late Dalton Henry



BEASLEY

Beasley. Donald was affectionately known to his family and friends as "Don Won" and had a very unique way that he greeted them both hello

and goodbye. Always with a smile on his face, he was truly a wonderful man who was dedicated to his family and friends. Donald was an avid Clemson fan and loved motorcycles. He will be remembered as a very loving father, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by: a daughter, Elizabeth Belliveau, and her husband, Matthew, of North Charleston; an extended daughter, Kimberly Moore of Summerville; a sister, Sandra Strange, and her husband,

Kevin, of Sumter; two nephews, Jacob Strange and his wife, Rebecca, of Johnsonville and Zachary Strange and his wife, Hanna, of Summerville; a best friend, Tina Schoneman, and her husband, James, of Summerville; and all of his biker buddies from the Summerville/Charleston area.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James and Alice Nichols.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home in Sumter.

You may go to www.bullock*funeralhome.com* and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter for the arrangements.



REBECCA HERIOTT

Ms. Rebecca Heriott entered eternal rest on Friday, April 23, 2021, at her residence, 303 Day Lily Lane, Rembert. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, SC.

EDNA MAE MCLEOD

Ms. Edna Mae McLeod, 69, of 138 Millwood Farm Road, Orangeburg, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2021, at her residence.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later.

Friends may express their condolences to her daughter, Dwanrhea Williams, 138 Millwood Farm Road, Orangeburg, S.C., or Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg.

Online condolences may be $sent\ simmons funeral home.com$

WENDELL W. OTTLEY

Wendell W. Ottley, 72, died Friday, April 23, 2021, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter. Born Feb. 16, 1949, in Bermuda, he was the son of Wendell Wislow Ming and Carolyn Ottley.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting that face masks and social distancing be observed by relatives and friends during visitation at the home, 1370 N. King Highway, Sum-

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home, Inc. 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

HOWARD W. SUMTER

Howard W. Sumter, 67, husband of Mable Jenkins Sumter, died Saturday, April 24, 2021, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, Columbia. Born Aug. 13, 1953, in Kershaw County, he was the son of Hammie and Pearlee Boykin Williams.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting that face masks and social distancing be observed by relatives and friends during visitation at the home, 4410 Herrington Road, Rem-

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

MINISTER MELVIN SAPP

Minister Melvin Sapp, 62, husband of Frances Reid Sapp, died Saturday, April 24, 2021, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Born in Opelika, Alabama, he was a son of Elizabeth France Parham.

Due to the pandemic and in accordance with the CDC

guidelines, the family will not receive friends at the home; however, we sincerely thank you for your cards and acknowledgements. unark of integrit

Funeral arrangements are in progress and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel.

ROSLYN BLANDING

Roslyn Blanding, 68, died Sunday, April 25, 2021, at Blue Ridge Facility of Sumter. Born Nov. 11, 1952, she was the daughter of Harry and Deloris Richardson.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting that face masks and social distancing be observed by relatives and friends during visitation at the home, 260 Country Springs Road, Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

LATICIA SHAVONNE ZIMMERMAN

Laticia Shavonne Zimmerman, 35, daughter of Michelle Jones and the late Mark Doyle, was born on Aug. 5, 1985, in Brunswick, New Jersey. She departed this life on Sunday, April 25, 2021, in Sumter.

Family will be receiving friends at 119 Dorcel St., Sumter, S.C., 29150.

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

LATONYA CHAKIRAH CAPERS

LaTonya Chakirah Capers, 42, daughter of David and Cynthia Fullwood Capers, was born on April 6, 1979, in Sumter County. She departed this life on Monday, April 26, 2021, at Prisma Health Baptist in Columbia.

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

REGINA WELLS

Regina Wells, daughter of the late Reginald Moses and Mariah Robinson Moses, was born in Harlem, New York, on Feb. 27, 1940. She departed this life on April 19, 2021, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter. She was baptized as a Witness at age 16 and raised as a Jehovah Witness from childhood. She was raised in Harlem and attended Eramus High School. Her parents moved to Brooklyn. New York, where she met and married the late Russell Wells Sr. The couple moved to Mt. Vernon, New York, and she worked at Mt. Vernon Hospital for over 20 years. Later she moved to Sumter and worked for Richland Memorial Hospital. She did not hesitate in being devoted to her studies of being a Wit-

She leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters, Rochelle Wells Robinson, Alletha Courtney Skolewec, Regina Wells Webb and Deborah Wells; one son, Reginald Wells; two sisters, Cynthia Moses Inabinett and Ouida Moses Washington; six granddaughters; six grandsons; and a host of great-grands, nieces, nephews, in-laws, other 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 limited visitation at the home, 211 W. Hampton Ave., Apt. No. 5, Sumter.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter,

with Brother Willie E. Miller, officiating.

Burial will be in the Walker Cemetery, Oakland Avenue,

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

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.

JOHN EDWARD CAPERS

John Edward Capers passed peacefully from this life the afternoon of Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at Prisma Health Tuomey in Sumter. He was surrounded and supported with his loving family by his side. John Edward Capers was born on April 8, 1953, to the late Allen and Epsie Stukes Capers in Pinewood. John was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1971 graduate of Furman High School in Sumter. He worked as a farmer for more than 30 vears, and then was employed at Vaughn Bassett Williams Furniture several years before retiring. Early in his youth he joined Calvary Baptist Church in Pinewood.

John was a very quiet and loving soul. He was a hard worker and was very dedicated to his family and friends. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. He spent many hours teaching his oldest nephew how to drive and also helped him acquire his very first job. He was a true sports enthusiast and spent his spare time with family watching his favorite basketball and football teams. In his younger years, John spent much of his leisure time fishing at nearby ponds. Out of all his many blessings, he was most grateful for being blessed with his two children, Jonathan and Janna, whom he loved dearly. "John, take your rest. We love you very much, but God loves you best. You will be missed, but never forgotten."

John leaves to cherish his precious memories: one son, Jonathan Grinnell of Sumter one daughter Janna Grinnell of Sumter; two sisters, Anna Dudley of Decatur, Georgia, and Betty Capers of Sumter; two brothers, Willie (Rosa) Capers of Pinewood and James Capers of Sumter; and one brotherin-law, Harry Lee Spann of Sumter. He also leaves to cherish his memories: Jerry Grinnell, a young man that he cherished as his own son; a special friend, Denise Grinnell; and a host of nieces, nephews and other 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 visitation at the home, 127 Jackson St., Sum-

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. today at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 10075 Calvary Church Road, Pinewood, with the Rev. E.L.

Sanders, pastor, presiding. Burial will be in the Calvary-Zion Hill Churchyard

Cemetery. The procession will leave the home at 1:20 p.m.

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

Online messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www. WilliamsFuneralHomeInc. com.



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COMMENTARY

Killing capital punishment

ASHINGTON — The death of capital punishment in the United States is not only desirable but also paradoxical. Attempts to make this practice constitutional have enveloped it with ever-more-refined procedural safeguards intended to make it compatible with the Eighth Amendment's proscription of "cruel and unusual punishments." But the safeguards have made it increasingly like then-Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's 1972 description of it as "cruel and unusual in the same way that being struck by lightning is cruel and unusual."

Maurice Chammah in "Let the Lord Sort Them: The Rise and Fall of the Death Penalty" says, "In

George Will

1959, there had been 124 murders in Harris County, Texas, which encompassed Houston, but only three people sentenced to death." Arbitrariness was one reason the Supreme Court, in a 1972 case that generated opinions from all nine justices (cumulatively, 233 pages), ruled that capital punishment in all 41 states that administered it was unconstitutional.

By 1976, states accommodated enough of the court's criticisms to revive capital punishment under laws that would prevent arbitrariness by requiring consideration of "aggravating" or "mitigating" factors about a murderer (e.g., youth, low IQ). And of particular kinds of murders (e.g., if the victim was a child or a police officer). And whether the crime was especially "depraved" or "cruel." But these complexities lengthened trials and multiplied grounds for appealing the capital sentences of those living on death rows. This increased the lightning-strike appearance of randomness of the few executions of murderers after an average (in 2018) of 19.8 years from sentencing to death. Today's capital punishment regime bears no resemblance to practices when the Eighth Amendment was written in the 18th century: Then death was not inflicted decades after the crime.

In 2015, in a 41-page dissent in a capital punishment case, Justice Stephen G. Breyer argued for revisiting, on the basis of experience since 1976, the question of whether capital punishment is incurably cruel and unusual. He cited evidence that "innocent people have been executed." He noted 115 exonerations in capital cases since 2002, including six death row inmates exonerated in 2014 based not on flawed trials but "on actual innocence." He saıd tnat researchers estimate that flawed forensic testimony and other factors indicate that 4 percent "of those sentenced to death are actually innocent." "Numerous studies," he said, conclude that "individuals accused of murdering white victims, as opposed to Black or other minority victims, are more likely to receive the death penalty." And: Why "does one defendant who participated in a single-victim murderfor-hire scheme ... receive the death penalty, while another defendant does not, despite having stabbed his wife 60 times and killed his 6-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son while they slept?"

Chammah notes that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams read Cesare Beccaria's 1764 essay "On Crimes and Punishments," whose arguments against capital punishment inspired the Philadelphia doctor Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, to suggest that capital punishment "lessens the horror of taking away human life and thereby tends to multiply murders." Today, the conservative case against

capital punishment is fourfold: The power to dispense death cloaks government with dangerous majesty. (In "Hitler's First Hundred Days," Peter Fritzsche reports sudden German enthusiasm for capital punishment by hand-held ax because its "swift, direct action" emphasized the "superiority of the state.") Because government-inflicted death cannot later be reconsidered on the basis of new evidence, it must be administered with extraordinary competence, but do not count on this: Capital punishment is a government program. The labyrinthine legal protections surrounding the death penalty guarantee that it will be too infrequent to serve the penological purpose of deterrence. And the argument that there are especially heinous crimes for which death is the morally proportionate punishment collides with the disproportionate drain — millions of dollars — on communities' and states' resources.

Last month, Virginia became the first Southern state to abolish capital punishment. Today, 53 percent of Americans live either in the 23 states that have abolished it or the three others where governors have imposed a moratorium on executions. Twelve states with death penalty laws have not executed anyone for at least a decade. And a majority of Americans oppose capital punishment for murder when prompted to consider the alternative of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Capital punishment is ending because of a wholesome squeamishness that reflects (in Chief Justice Earl Warren's words) society's "evolving standards of decency." And because attempts to make it neither cruel nor unusual have made its implementation increasingly capricious, and hence morally ab-

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electricity. In contrast to these images is a booming biotechnology industry prompted by the blockade, as well as an exemplary state-run medical system. Not only has Cuba kept COVID-19 infections remarkably low, but Cuban researchers are also developing five vaccines, two of which seem promising. Cuba says it plans to export its vac-

Meanwhile, every Cuban citcal checkup, wanted or not, while the state maintains

prevention can boast enviable health outcomes, but the trade-off is a loss of privacy and freedom, which is no choice at all.

With Raúl stepping aside at 89, now would seem a goou time for President Joe Biden to ask Congress to lift the embargo once and for all, allow for expanded tourism and remittances and reestablish more formal diplomatic relations. That would end the absurdly long standoff between the United States — a superpower, after all — and the belea-

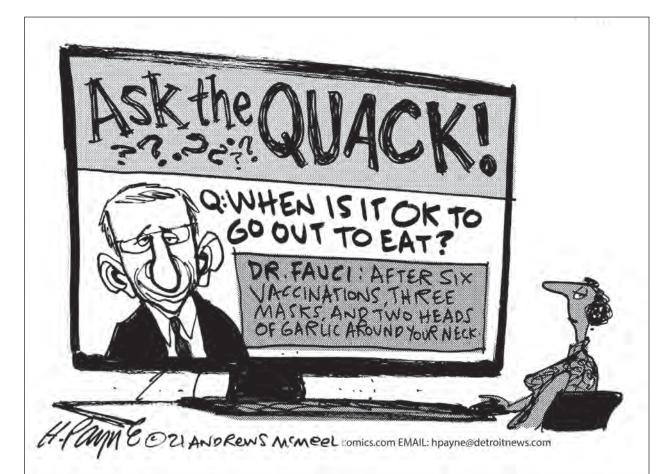
miles from Key West. Surely, the big dog can afford to let the little dog eat.

The embargo is an aging farce perpetuated in the spirit of a folie à deux — a shared delusional disorder. Fidel, who reportedly owned many homes, a vacht and a private island where he entertained countless guests, has never shared his countrymen's fate. Like any run-of-the-mill dictator, he lived a big life at the expense of the oppressed and used the embargo as an excuse for his fundamentally failed policies.

The United States, meanwhile, has clung to the embargo largely out of habit. It has given hard-line Cuban Americans some measure of revenge against the regime that drove the capitalists and landowners out of Cuba and enabled the United States to complain about the Cuban government's disregard for basic freedoms. But it has changed nothing.

Two generations post revolution, it is a propitious time to end the madness. Open the gates, flood Cuba with U.S. goods and goodwill, and trust that freedom will speak for herself.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLOCK GRANT MONEY NOT BEING USED TO HELP MOBILE HOME OWNERS WITH REPAIRS

The City of Sumter, South Carolina, and its Community Development Block Grant Program adamantly refuse to spend any money whatsoever, including that received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, on helping low- to moderate-income owners of mobiles do

essential mobile home repairs!

This message has been reiterated by The Family Unit Inc. and by a few Sumter City Council members but is being totally ignored by the Sumter City Administration and by the Sumter City Council.

BRENDA C. WILLIAMS, M.D. The Family Unit Inc., a 501(c)(3), nonprofit, charitable organization

COMMENTARY

Castros are finally gone. U.S. should end the Cuba embargo and open the gates.

ll hail: The wicked Castros are finally gone. With the official retirement of Raúl Castro as head of Cuba's Communist



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shambles. But the pandemic has made life in Cuba even more challenging. Gross domestic product dropped 11% last year. Basic necessities, including food, toiletries, cleansers and medicine, are subject to continuing shortages, though widespread hunger was eliminated long ago.

Díaz-Canel, 61, was born a year after the revolution. As a rising leader in the Communist Party, he oversaw some modest free-market reforms. Will Cuba's direction change with a new party leader? That seems unlikely. Still, the departure of the Castros after more than six decades gives both Washington and Havana a chance to reconsider their failed relationship.

It is revealing that Raúl's departure received only modest coverage here at home; even 10 years ago, we might have heard about little else. But most people alive today, both in Cuba and elsewhere, were

born long after the 1959 revolution that overthrew the U.S.backed government of Fulgencio Batista and put Fidel, the young rebel, in charge. The fatigue-clad leader wasn't a communist when he traded his rifle for a microphone, but the Soviet Union's early financial

Finca Vigia (Lookout Farm), now a museum. But only tourist hotels and government offices have air conditioning, assuming reliable

cine for free to South America and Central America.

izen receives an annual medihealth profiles, categorizing people according to healthy, not-so-healthy, elderly (one in five is over 60) or predisposed to illness because of obesity, diabetes and so on. So, yes, a state-run system focused on

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The Sumter Item is opening the polls for the Athlete of the Week, where we have four nominees based on the previous week in games. You can vote once per day at theitem. com/athlete through Wednesday. The winner will be announced in Thursday's paper.

NICOLE WELLS -SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL

Wells won four individual events and ran a leg of Sumter's winning 4x100 relay team in the Sumter School District Meet. She won the 100m, 200m and 400m dashes, while also winning the long jump.



MANDY WELLS -**CLARENDON HALL**

Wells pitched 16 innings in four games last week, earning three wins. She struck out 21 batters, allowing five hits and four earned runs. She also batted .533 with three doubles, a triple, 5 RBI and scored eight runs.



LOUIS WRIGHT -THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY

Wright won two events at the SCISA Region 1-2A meet, claiming first in both the 100m dash and triple jump. He also ran a leg on TSA's first place 4x100 relay team and finished second in the 200m dash.



JAYDIS WILLIAMS -CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Williams was 3-6 with two runs scored and two RBI, while pitching 2/3 of an inning for a save in Crestwood's 6-3 win over Manning. He also earned the win in an 11-1 victory over Camden Military Academy, allowing three hits,



walking one and striking out six in four innings.



Former Sumter High running back Nathan Harris-Waynick (26) fights through tacklers during the South Carolina Garnet and Black Spring Game on Sunday at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Sumter School District quartet performs in USC spring game

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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The University of South Carolina football program held its annual Garnet & Black Spring Game on Sunday at Williams-Brice Stadium. Four former Sumter School District players each played a part in the

Former Sumter High School players O'Donnell Fortune, Jahkeem Green and Nathan Harris-Waynick and former Lakewood High School standout Tyreek Johnson had varying degrees of success in the first public viewing of Shane Beamer's team in front of 13,325 fans. The Black beat the Gar-

net 14-10.



Fortune, second-year cornerback playing in his freshman season, led the Black in tackles with six. Five of them were solo stops and all of his snaps came with the Black squad.

Green, a redshirt senior defensive lineman, and Johnson, a redshirt sophomore edge rusher, took snaps with both teams.

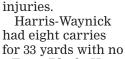
Green, who joined South Caro-

lina after the first of the year after entering the transfer portal after one season at Nebraska, had one assisted tackle.

Johnson, who has been hampered by a string of injuries since graduating from Lakewood in 2017, had tackles with both squads. On Team Garnet, Johnson had a quarterback sack. He

> had a solo stop and an assist for Team Black.

Harris-Waynick, who is a preferred walk-on who enrolled at USC in January, had a good opportunity to play as Beamer chose to sit scholarship running backs Kevin Harris, Marshawn Lloyd and Rashad Amos due to small



loss yards for Team Black. He had a long run of 12 yards.

-WAYNICK

The scrimmage was limited to just one half due to a rash of injuries that kept a number of players on the sidelines. The second half was comprised of situational competitions between the offense and defense.

ZaQuandre White showed why he was named the Most Im-

proved Player on the offensive side of the ball this spring, as he rushed 14 times for 95 yards with a touchdown to lead the Garnet. He also caught a pass for 19 yards.

White got the scoring started for Garnet when he went over from one yard out on the first drive of the game. After defensive tackle Zacch Pickens recovered a fumble, placekicker Mitch Jeter booted a 47-yard field goal to get Black on the board late in the first quarter.

Garnet went up 14-3 when Jaheim Bell, who is listed as a tight tend but played running back on Sunday, punched it in from two yards out midway through the second stanza. Bell had a combined total of seven carries for 42 yards.

As the half was nearing its end, transfer quarterback Jason Brown teamed up with his running mate from Football Championship Subdivision St. Francis, (Pa.), wide receiver E.J. Jenkins, for an 11-vard scoring strike to pull Black within 14-10.

Luke Doty, who comes out of the spring as the likely starter at quarterback, completed 5 of 7 passes for 54 yards.

Overall, the Garnet team, led by Doty, ran 31 plays for 175 yards, including 121 on the ground, controlling the clock for 15:48 of the 24 minutes played.

Clarendon Hall, LMA Lee open playoffs Tuesday

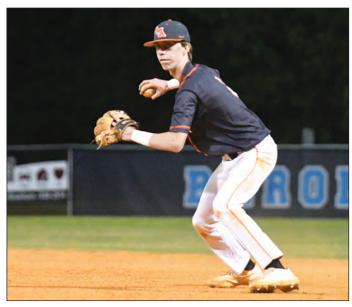
BY DENNIS BRUNSON dennis@theitem.com

Clarendon Hall won the SCISA Region II-1A baseball title with an 8-7 victory over Holly Hill Academy on Friday at the HHA field.

The Saints also earned the No. 1 seed in the lower bracket of the 1A state playoffs with the win. CH, which is 9-3 on the season, will play host to the winner of Monday's playoff game between Andrew Jackson Academy and Newberry Academy on Tuesday. The game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. start.

Laurence Manning Academy and Lee Academy will also begin play in their respective state playoff tournaments.

Laurence Manning will play host to Hilton Head Prep at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in its opening game in the 3A state playoffs. The Swampcats are 14-2 on the



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Laurence Manning's Davis Campbell and the Swampcats open the SCISA 3A playoffs against Hilton Head Prep on Tuesday.

season and the No. 2 seed in the lower bracket. Swampcats head coach Barry Hatfield believes HHP is 23-0 and is the No. 3 seed.

Lee is the No. 2 seed in the lower bracket of the 2A playoffs. The 15-2 Cavaliers will play host to No. 3 seed

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Keselowski claims 6th win at Talladega with OT pass

BY JOHN ZENOR The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Brad Keselowski made exactly the right final move this time, winning again at Talladega Superspeedway and demonstrating a painful lesson well learned.

Keselowski's overtime victory made him the ninth driver to win through 10 NA-SCAR Cup races this season and avenged an embarrassing Team Penske gaffe in the season-opening Daytona 500. He and teammate Joey Logano triggered a last-lap crash as Keselowski tried to pass Logano for the victory.

"Daytona, that's a big one. Oh man, it stings still," Keselowski said. "But this is a good one. We'll take it. Beggars can't be choosers. I certainly learned some lessons from that race and I tried to apply them, and it all came together there at the end.

"Michael McDowell gave me a good push like he did at Daytona, and I was a little bit smarter with how I han-



dled it." Keselowski led just one lap, the last one, in a race that featured 35 lead changes among 27 drivers. "The whole

race I had a couple opportunities to take the lead, but I just kept thinking, 'Man, keep your car in one piece," Keselowski said. Logano was involved in an

airborne wreck and called on NASCAR to change the dangerous racing conditions at Daytona and Talladega.

'On one hand, I am mad about being in the crash and on the other, I am happy to be alive," Logano said. "On another hand, I am wondering when we are going to stop because this is dangerous doing what we are doing. I got a roll bar in my head. That is not OK.

"I am one hit away from the same situation Ryan

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BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

Wilson Hall fifth after first round of SCISA state tourney

CONWAY - Wilson Hall was in fifth place and Laurence Manning Academy in 10th after the first round of the 13-team SCISA 3A state golf tournament on Monday at the Hackler Course on the campus of Coastal Carolina University.

The Barons shot a 327, three strokes behind No. 4 Florence Christian School and two strokes ahead of No. 6 Hammond and five ahead of No. 7 Ben Lippen.

LMA is comfortably in 10th, 16 strokes behind No. 9 Cardinal Newman and 24 strokes ahead of No. 11 Pinewood Prep.

Miller Jones led the Barons with an 18-hole score of 75. Evan Hoffman shot an 81, John Morgan Bates an 83, Cody Peyton an 88 and Brady Campbell a 119.

Bryson Watt led the Swampcats with an 88. Cantey Gardner was next at 90 followed by AJ Nelson at 91, Zane Fleming at 95 and Riley Overstreet at 96.

Trinity Collegiate led after the first round with a 297. Hilton Head Prep was second with a 307 and Porter-Gaud third with a 309.

The second round will be played on Tuesday.

1. Trinity Collegiate 297 2. Hilton Head Prep 307 3. Porter-Gaud 309 4. Florence Christian 324 5. Wilson Hall 327 6. Hammond 329 7. Ben Lippen 334 8. Augusta Christian 340 9. Cardinal Newman 348 10. Laurence Manning 364 11. Pinewood Prep 388 12. Northwood 404 13. First Baptist 419

VARSITY BASEBALL

CRESTWOOD 6 MANNING 3

Crestwood High School rode the pitching of R.J. Reed to a 6-3 victory over Manning on Friday at the CHS field.

Reed worked 6 1/3 and allowed just three runs despite allowing six hits and seven walks. Reed struck out six.

Jaydis Williams recorded the final two outs to get the save.

Brent Hilliard had a double, scored a run and drove in a run for the Knights, who improved to 3-10 overall and 1-7 in Region VI-5A. Williams had a hit and an RBI.

Landon McDaniel and Landon Heaton both had two hits for the Monarchs. Mc-Daniel scored a run, and Heaton had an RBI.

LAKEWOOD 5 MARLBORO COUNTY 1

Lakewood High School got back on the winning track with a 5-1 victory over Marlboro County on Friday at the LHS field.

Landon DeLavan pitched five innings of 1-run ball for the Gators, who improved to 12-8 overall and 6-2 in Region VI-3A. DeLavan allowed two hits while walking four and striking out three.

Mason Love pitched two scoreless innings to get the

Victor Brown was 2-for-3 with two triples, two runs and an RBI to lead the Lakewood offense. Daniel Young had two hits and a run, BJ Balls had a double and two RBI, and Hunter Hoff had a double and an RBI.

Lakewood leads the region with a 6-2 record. Marlboro County and Lake City are tied for second at 5-2 with Camden in fourth at 5-3.

SUMTER 5 CONWAY 3

Sumter High School rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat Conway 5-3 on Friday at Gamecock Field.

The Tigers scored two runs in the top of the third to go up 3-0. SHS, which improved to 9-12 overall and 2-9 in Region VI-5A, scored four runs in the bottom of the inning and added an insurance run

in the fourth.

Sean Rouse and Clayton Goff both had three hits to lead the Sumter offense. Rouse hit a solo home run, and Goff scored a run.

Bryce Coulter had a triple with two RBI and a run, and Sam Ackerman had a triple and a run.

Connor Batey worked 6 1/3 innings to get the win. He struck out seven while walking one and allowing six hits. Goff got the final two outs to record the save.

EAST CLARENDON 16 MCBEE 1

MCBEE – East Clarendon High School defeated McBee 16-1 in five innings on Friday at the MHS field.

Kyler Odom was 3-for-4 with five RBI for the Wolverines, while Wes Ard was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Coleman Yates was 2-for-3 with a double, Phillip Black had two hits and two RBI, Blake Lee had a hit and two RBI, and Grant Barrineau had a dou-

Barrineau got the win, allowing four hits and one walk while striking out four.

VARSITY SOCCER

CRESTWOOD 6 LAKEWOOD 1

Gavyn Zimmerman, Ethan Carr, Graecin Wilber and Jakob Padar contributed to Crestwood High School's 6-1 victory over Lakewood on Friday on Senior Night at the CHS field.

Zimmerman had two goals for the Knights, who improved to 7-4 overall and 7-2 in Region VI-3A. Carr had a goal, and Padar had an assist. Wilber got the win in

Julio Hernandez-Lara had three goals and two assists for Crestwood, while Justice Prioleau had an assist.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Clarendon Hall wins region title with 20-2 win over Holly Hill

HOLLY HILL - Clarendon Hall's varsity softball team clinched the SCISA Region II-1A title with a 20-2 victory over Holly Hill Academy on Friday at the HHA field.

Olivia Wilson led the Lady Saints, going 4-for-5 with three doubles and four runs batted in. McKenly Wells and Mandy Wells each had three hits and a double. Bailey Corbett, Maggie Harrington and Colleen McIntosh each had two hits and a double, and Macie McIntosh had a double.

Mandy Wells picked up the win for CH, which improved to 13-1 on the season and 10-0 in region play. She had 10 strikeouts and allowed just two hits.

EAST CLARENDON 5 WEST FLORENCE 4

TURBEVILLE - Hope Azurdiah doubled home Hannah Hickman and Katie Lee in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift East Clarendon High School to a 5-4 walk-off win over West Florence Friday at the ECHS field.

Azurdia led the Lady Wolverines offensively, going 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and three RBI. Hayden White added a double and an RBI, and Whitney McElveen had a hit and an

Maddie Newsome got the win. She allowed six hits and six walks while striking out four.

CONWAY 8 SUMTER 3

Sumter High School fell to 4-7 in Region VI-5A with an 8-3 loss to Conway on Friday at the SHS field.

After getting 14 hits in a 7-4 victory on Wednesday,

the Lady Gamecocks managed just two on Friday. Madison Long had a run-scoring double, while Samantha Kirkhart had the other hit and scored a run.

Sumter, 5-7 overall, will play host to Carolina Forest on Monday at 6 p.m. in the completion of a suspended game.

PEE DEE 10 **LAURENCE MANNING 0**

MULLINS - Laurence Manning Academy lost to Pee Dee Academy 10-0 in five innings on Friday at the PDA field.

LMA managed just one hit, that coming from Bailev Moore.

MARLBORO COUNTY 7 LAKEWOOD 0

Lakewood High School suffered its second straight loss to Marlboro County, falling 7-0 on Friday at the LHS field.

The game was tied 0-0 entering the seventh, but MC scored seven runs after two were out with no one on base.

The Lady Gators fell to 6-2, both overall and in Region VI-3A

JV SOFTBALL LAKEWOOD 11 MARLBORO COUNTY 10

Lakewood High School defeated Marlboro County 11-10 on Friday at the LHS field.

Jurnee Jennings led the Lady Gators offensively, going 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs. Jasmine McCoy had three hits, a run and an RBI. Kamryn Geddings and Allison Christmas each had an inside-the-park home run.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NASCAR

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Newman just went through. I just don't feel like that is acceptable."

Newman escaped serious injury racing for the win on the final lap of the 2020 Day-

The victory, Keselowski's sixth at Talladega, came after team owner Roger Penske pulled the three Team Penske drivers and affiliate Matt DiBenedetto onto a call this week to discuss his expectations on how they should race Sunday. Penske refused to accept another

Daytona disaster when Logano or Keselowski should have won the race but instead of working together the two triggered a fiery crash that also collected a third Penske car.

All three Penske drivers have now claimed spots in the 16-driver playoff field.

William Byron was second, Daytona 500 winner McDowell — the beneficiary of that February blunder took third and Kevin Harvick a season-high fourth.

"I felt like I was in a good spot again working with Brad and drug back off of him coming off of Turn 4,' McDowell said. "I thought I

would have the run but just didn t suck min down enough."

DiBenedetto, who led 28 laps, finished fifth but gave away the win with a late lane change that allowed Keselowski to surge to the front.

Ford drivers took four of the top five spots.

Kaz Grala finished a career-best sixth and was followed by Tyler Reddick and Austin Dillon in a trio of Chevrolets.

Ford drivers took spots nine through 13 and the highest finishing Toyota driver was Christopher Bell in 17th

Keselowski tied Dale Earn- compete, Cobb would have narut Jr. and Jen Gordon with six wins each at Talladega. But it was his first since the fall race in 2017.

"I would have never dreamed I'd tie Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. here," Keselowski said. "That's something. Those guys are really legends.'

SIDELINED

Rick Ware Racing had originally planned to enter Jennifer Jo Cobb for her first career Cup start, but NASCAR last week ruled the veteran driver was not eligible.

Had she been cleared to

been the first female to race at NASCAR's top level since Danica Patrick in 2018.

NASCAR President Steve Phelps said before the race the competition department decided Cobb "did not have the experience necessary in order to run in the Cup race.'

Cobb has 217 career starts in the Truck Series and 31 in the Xfinity Series. She has one career top-10 finish.

UP NEXT

The series heads to Kansas Speedway, where Denny Hamlin has won the last two races.

SCISA

FROM PAGE A12

Colleton Prep at 6

Wilson Hall began play in the 3A playoffs on Monday as the lower bracket No. 4 at home against No. 5 Ben Lippen. The winner of that game will play at Cardinal Newman on Tuesday, while the loser will go on the road to face the LMA-HHP loser on Wednes-

day. Each of the three SCISA classifications are using two 5-team, double-elimination brackets to determine the two teams playing for the state title. The championship series for each class are set to be played on May 10-11 and May 13 if needed.

3A

Upper Bracket

MONDAY Game 1 – (5) Porter-Gaud at (4) Augusta Christian

Game 2 – (3) Trinity Collegiate at (2) Pinewood Prep Game 3 – Game 1 Winner at (1) Hammond

WEDNESDAY Game 4 - Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser

Game 5 – Game 4 Winner vs. Game 3 Loser Game 6 – Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner

MONDAY, MAY 3 Game 7 – Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Game 8 - Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner

THURSDAY, MAY 6Game 9 – If Necessary **Lower Bracket**

MONDAY Game 1 – (5) Ben Lippen at (4) Wilson Hall, 6 p.m.

TUESDAYGame 2 – (3) Hilton Head Prep at (2) Laurence Manning, 6 p.m. Game 3 – Game 1 Winner at (1) Cardinal Newman

WEDNESDAYGame 4 – Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser

FRIDAY

Game 5 – Game 4 Winner vs. Game 3 Loser Game 6 – Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner

MONDAY, MAY 3 Game 7 - Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Game 8 – Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner

THURSDAY, MAY 6 Game 9 - If Necessary

SCISA BASEBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

Upper Bracket

MONDAY Game 1 - (5) Dillon Christian at (4) Thomas Heyward

Game 2 – (3) Oakbrook Prep at (2) Williamsburg Game 3 – Game 1 Winner at (1) Northside Christian

WEDNESDAY Game 4 - Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser

Game 5 – Game 4 Winner vs. Game 3 Loser Game 6 – Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner

MONDAY, MAY 3 Game 7 - Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Game 8 - Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Lower Bracket

Game 1 - (5) Orangeburg Prep at (4) Greenwood Christian

TUESDAY Game 2 – (3) Colleton Prep at (2) Lee, 6 p.m. Game 3 – Game 1 Winner at (1) Pee Dee

WEDNESDAY Game 4 - Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser

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THURSDAY, MAY 6 Game 9 – If Necessary

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Game 8 – Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner

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Upper Bracket

MONDAY Game 1 – (5) Holly Hill at (4) Patrick Henry

Game 2 – (3) Laurens at (2) St. John's Christian Game 3 – Game 1 Winner at (1) W.W. King

Game 4 - Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser

WEDNESDAY

Game 5 – Game 4 Winner vs. Game 3 Loser Game 6 – Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner

MONDAY, MAY 3 Game 7 - Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner TUESDAY, MAY 4 Game 8 – Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner

THURSDAY, MAY 6 Game 9 – If Necessary **Lower Bracket**

MONDAY Game 1 – (5) Newberry at (4) Andrew Jackson

Game 2 – (3) Dorchester at (2) Richard Winn Game 3 – Game 1 Winner at (1) Clarendon Hall, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Game 4 - Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser

Game 5 – Game 4 Winner vs. Game 3 Loser Game 6 – Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner

MONDAY, MAY 3 Game 7 - Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Game 8 – Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner

THURSDAY, MAY 6 Game 9 – If Necessary

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Don't miss disturbing, compelling 'Cruel Summer'

BY KEVIN MCDONOUGH

Told in a series of flashbacks, the smart teen melodrama "Cruel Summer" (10 p.m., Freeform, TV-14) recalls Jeanette's (Chiara Aurelia) metamorphosis from 1993 to 1995, growing from an awkward nerd to a popular "it" girl. Her transformation coincides with the disappearance of Kate (Olivia Holt), a popu lar blond.

When Kate returns, she accuses Jeannette of stealing her friends and "her life." Tabloids and TV media all but accuse Jeannette of cooperating in Kate's gruesome kidnapping.

'Summer" plays with time-shifting narratives and keeps viewers guessing about distinctions between victim and aggressor while exploring media obsessions about missing pretty teenage white girls.

Executive producer Jessica Biel presented audiences with similar questions on her USA series "The Sinner." It's hard to watch "Cruel Summer" and not wonder whether Biel's own story informed the plot, or at least the atmosphere, of "Cruel Summer" as

From 1996 to 2006, Biel played Mary Camden on "7th Heaven," the popular family-friendly WB series and Aaron Spelling production. She was very much in the public eye as she grew from adolescence to adulthood. That exposure was not without minor scandal and media exploitation.

Not to give too much away, but central to "Cruel Summer" is the story of a trusted young middle-school principal who turns out to be a predator and Kate's abductor.

In 2014, some years after the conclusion of "7th Heaven," Stephen Collins, who played the show's wholesome patriarch, Eric Camden, confessed to multiple incidents of sexual misconduct with young girls. It's a theme of betrayed trust and resulting disorientation that runs through "Cruel Summer," a disturbing and compelling series.

• If "Cruel Summer" showcases the media's obsession with young girls, the new Netflix thriller "Fatma" explores the anonymity of middle-aged women, particularly



BILL MATLOCK / FREEFORM

Jeanette's reckless behavior causes her friends and family to question her further on the "Off With a Bang" episode of "Cruel Summer," airing at 10 p.m. today on Freeform. From left, Sarah Drew stars as Cindy Turner, Michael Landes as Greg Turner and Chiara Aurelia as Jeanette Turner.

those on the bottom of the income ladder.

Turkish actress Burcu Biricik plays the title character, a grief-stricken, recently widowed woman and house cleaner who accidentally commits homicide while searching for her late husband's killer. Events spiral out of control, keeping Fatma in dangerous situations where murder is the only way out. Nobody notices the cleaning lady.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

· A bodyguard (Gerard Butler) with a blemished reputation steps up to save the president (Aaron Eckhart) in the 2016 thriller "London Has Fallen" (6:30 p.m., Syfy, TV-14) and in "Olympus Has Fallen" (8:30 p.m. Syfy, TV-MA) from 2013.

• The Mets host the Red Sox in an interleague game of MLB Baseball (7 p.m., ESPN).

A tornado strikes on "The Resident" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14). Assistants take charge on "Pooch Perfect" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG), hosted by Rebel Wil-

· Audra McDonald and Mandy Patinkin explore their family histories on "Finding **Your Roots With Henry Louis** Gates, Jr." (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).

 An explosive parcel on "FBI" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

• Kevin gets misty on "This Is

Us" (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14). · Jessica researches her book on "Prodigal Son" (9 p.m.,

Fox, TV-14).

 The murder of a detective results in calls for the death penalty on the nonfiction series "Philly D.A." (9 p.m., PBS,

TV-PG, check local listings). Tracking an internet vigilante on "FBI: Most Wanted" (10

p.m., CBS, TV-14). • Max wants to expand Wi-Fi on "New Amsterdam" (10 p.m.,

NBC, TV-14). New evidence arrives with a toe tag attached on "Big Sky" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

• "Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS,

check local listings) concludes its two-part series "The Virus That Shook the World."

CULT CHOICE

Billy Bob Thornton stars in the 2004 adaptation of "Friday Night Lights" (6:55 p.m., Starz Encore), based on H.G. Bissinger's nonfiction account of the culture of high school football in Texas. This movie and the book would inspire the acclaimed 2006 TV series that ran on NBC and DirectTV over five seasons.

SERIES NOTES

Torres meets his father on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Recovering from a football injury on "Young Rock" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Temperatures drop on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * Much ado about hairdos on "Kenan" (8:30 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Dre can't even on "black-ish" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Trapped in the Phantom Zone on "Supergirl" (9 p.m., CW, TV-PG) * Dating advice on

"mixed-ish" (9:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Kenan Thompson is on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Michael Che, Roger Daltrey, Nicki Nicole and Lunay on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Ed Helms, Michelle Buteau and Sen. Jon Tester visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC).

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Summons &

SUMMONS AND
NOTICE OF FILING
IN THE COURT OF **COMMON PLEAS** 2021-CP-43-00512 N. Main Street Project ID No.: P032341

Tract 25 South Carolina Department of Transportation,

Wilhemina Strong

Mazielle Strong Hammett, Cynthia Wells, Jerry Farmer, Kenneth Strong, Christopher Farmer, as their interest may appear, Other Condemnee(s).

Doe and Mary Roe representing all unknown persons having or claiming to have any right. title, or interest in or to, or lien on the land described, including all unknown heirs of Wilhemina Strong,

TO: THE LANDOWNER(S) AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

advised and notified, that pursuant to the South Carolina Eminent Doman Procedures Act, Section 28-2-10, et se., the within Condemnation Notice and Tender of payment, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County. The purpose of this lawsuit is to enable the Condemnor, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, to acquire certain real property for its public purposes, as is more fully stated in the attached Condemnation Notice and Tender of Payment. Responsive pleadings to the Condemnation Notice and Tender of Payment are

LIS Pendens

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Condemnor above named Pursuant to the South Carolina Eminent Doman Procedures Act Section 28-2-10, et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, As amended, has brought an action against the Condemnee Above named to acquire the real property described herein for Public purposes, to wit:

All that parcel or strip of land, in fee simple, with improvements thereon if any, containing 229 square feet (0.005 of an acre) of land and being described as follows: within 30 feet of the survey centerline of Road S-5 (North Main Street Relocated), on the left, between approximate survey stations 47+55.00 and 48+05.00. Property being conveyed is along a relocated centerline as shown on plans between approximate survey stations 8+31.05 and 65+67..39 Road S-5 (North Main Street). Tax Map No.: 229-12-04-036

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING

TO: THE CONDEMNEE(S) TO: THE CONDEMNEE(S) OR CLAIMANT(S) HEREIN, NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN, INCLUDING ANY THEREOF WHO MAY BE MINORS OR UNDER OTHER LEGAL DISABILITY, IF ANY, WHETHER RESIDENTS OR NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE NATURAL, GENERAL, TESTAMENTARY GUARDIAN OR COMMITTEE, OR OTHERWISE AND TO THE PERSON WITH WHOM THEY MAY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi, for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as John Doe and Mary Roe, Condemnee herein, names and addresses Unknown, including any thereof who may be minors or under other legal Disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina, has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE
NOTICE That unless the said minors
or persons under other legal disability, if any or someone on their behalf or on behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a quardian Ad Litem to represent them for the purposes of this action, the Condemnor will apply for an order making the appointment of



Summons & Notice

said Guardian ad Litem Nisi

J. Calhoun Land, IV. Attorney for Condemnor (SCDOT) Post Office Box 138 Manning, SC 29102 Telephone: 803-435-8894 Sumter, South Carolina

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF SUMTER BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City-County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sumter Cream Large Theorem May 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sumter Opera House Theater located on the First Floor of the Opera House (21 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina). Each person including staff, board members and the public will be required to wear a mask and have their temperature taken to enter the meeting. The following requests are meeting. The following requests are scheduled for public hearing:

BOA-21-11, 418, 420, & 426 E. Liberty

The applicant is requesting multiple variances from the City of Sumter Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance as follows 1) variances from Article 3, Section 3.k.5.a: LIW District Minimum Lot Bequirements District Minimum Lot Requirements Width of Aisles to allow for the creation of a new lot with +/- 61 ft. of lot width (+/- 39 ft. below minimum requirements) and to allow for the creation of a new lot that is \pm /- 0.55 acres in size (+/- 0.45 acres below the minimum LIW District lot size requirement); and 2) variance from Article 3. Section 3.k.b: LIW District Minimum Yard & Building Setbacks in order to allow for the creation of a new lot that will result in a sideyard building setback of +/- 2 ft. (+/- 13 ft below the minimum LIW District setback requirement). The property is located at 418, 420, & 426 E. Liberty St., is zoned Light Industrial-Warehouse (LIW), and is represented by TMS# 249-15-02-002.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

David P. Merchant

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BOA-21-10, 6135 Dubose Siding Rd. (County)

The applicant is requesting multiple variances from the Sumter County Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance as follows 1) variance from Article 3, Section 3.d.6.c: Special Development Standards for Manufactured Units or Mobile Homes in order to place a mobile home on AC zoned property with the shorter dimension fronting the road; 2) variance from Article 3, Section 3.n.5.a: AC District Minimum Lot Requirements in order to create a new lot with +/- 46 ft. of lot width (+/-14 ft. below the required minimum) and 3) variance from Article 8, Section 8.e.13.c: Lots in order to create a new lot with +/- 46 ft. of public street frontage (+/- 14 ft below the required minimum). The property is located at 6135 Dubose Siding Rd, is zoned Agricultural Conservation (AC), and is represented by TMS# 196-00-02-021.

BOA-21-12, 8225, 8245, 8265, & 8275 St. Johns Rd. (County)

The applicant is requesting a variance from Article 3, Section 3.n.5.a: AC District Minimum Lot Requirements of the Sumter County Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance in order to create 4 new $\begin{array}{lll} lots \ with \ a \ lot \ size \ of \ +/- \ 0.8 \ acres \ (+/- \ 0.2 \ acres \ below \ minimum \\ requirements). & The \ property \ is \\ located \ at \ 8225, \ 8245, \ 8265, \ \& \ 8274 \ St. \end{array}$ Johns Rd.., is zoned Agricultural Conservation (AC), and is represented by TMS# 144-00-03-005.

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SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL James T. McCain, Chairman Mary Blanding, Clerk



Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to heir claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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Amanda Burnette 696 Mattison Ave. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/John Morgan Bevan, Jr. #2021ES4300309 Personal Representative: Kathrvn Bevan 4 Club Circle Sumter, SC 29154 Glenn Givens Attorney at Law 107 N. Main Street

Estate:/Elma Watts Prescott #2021ES4300281

Sumter, SC 29150

Personal Representative: Samuel T. Prescott, Sr. 1795 Plowden Mill Rd.

Sumter, SC 29153 Estate:/Tyrell Jermaine

Burgess #2021ES4300315 Personal Representative:
Edith Burgess

212 Perkins Ave. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Marie Yvonne Peggs #2021ES4300327 Personal Representative:

Kimberley Anne Roupe 124 S. Wise Drive Sumter, SC 29150 J. Cabot Seth PO Box 1268 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/Norajane R. Throckmorton #2021ES4300311

Personal Representative:

Helen Throckmorton 324 Winn St. $Sumter,\,SC\,29150$

Estate:/Norman Manning #2021ES4300282

Personal Representative: Joann M. Manning 2143 Kingsbury Dr.

Estate:/Elizabeth L. Brown #2021ES4300316

Sumter, SC 29154

sentative: Elizabeth Ann Hunt 597 Chime Bell Church Rd

Aiken, SC 29803 Estate:/Patrice Schaum Sanders #2021ES4300284

Personal Representative: Miranda K. James PO Box 100 Rembert, SC 29128 Moultrie B. Burns, Jr. PO Drawer 10 Camden, SC 29021

Estate:/Bessie Yvonne Nelson #2021ES4300285

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Personal Representative: 2835 Remington Drive Sumter, SC 29154

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Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to heir claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim

Estate:/Jerry Neville Hardee #2021ES4300303

Personal Representative: Neville Dwayne Hardee 1254 Wilson Hall Rd. Sumter, SC 29150 Jerry Jason Hardee 1536 Lesesne Drive Manning, SC 29102 Thomas E. Player, Jr. PO Box 3690

Sumter, SC 29151 Estate:/Willie Matthew Blanding, Jr. #2021ES4300279

Personal Representative:
Saleem Blanding

260 Country Springs Dr. Sumter, SC 29150 Garryl L. Deas Attorney at Law PO Box 1211 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/Michael Rose #2021ES4300296 #AUAIEA Personal Representative: Mary Rose

10375 Douglas Swamp Rd. Lynchburg, SC 29080

Estate:/Joseph Burrell Bradley #2021ES4300304 Personal Representative: Joseph Burrell Bradley, Jr.

140 Moonshadow Lane Summerville, SC 29485 Estate:/Michelle Renee Rogers #2021ES4300275

Personal Representative: Gladys Rogers 111 McCutcheon St.

Mayesville, SC 29104 Estate:/Betty J. Luyster #2021ES4300297

Personal Representative: Laure A. Moore 191 Pack Rd.

Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Shannon Maki Washington #2021ES4300305

Personal Representative:
Terica Shavon Shannon
212 E. Bee St. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Barbara Holmes Crim #2021ES4300276

Personal Representative: Dante McFadden, Jr. 2485 Kevin Rd. Sumter, SC 29153





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tent/chairs)

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To apply please call Steve at 843-992-0980.

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AROUND TOWN

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

Santee-Wateree Regional **Transportation Authority** (SWRTA) is offering free rides to COVID-19 vaccinations and COVID-19 testing sites. Contact SWRTA from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at (803) 934-0396.

The Levi Pearson Scholarship Fund will offer free tax help from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Harvin Clarendon County Library, 215 N. Brooks St., Manning, or from 3 to 5 p.m. on Mondays at Clarendon County NAACP Branch Office, 21 Railroad Ave., Summerton. The service is courtesy of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. IRS-certified volunteers will be on hand to inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify. To have a return prepared, bring valid photo identification; Social Security card for yourself, spouse and dependents; wage and earnings statements (W-2); interest and dividend statements (1099); a copy of last year's return; and any other information concerning income and expenses for the tax year. For joint returns, both spouses must be present.

The AARP Tax-Aide Foundation is offering free tax preparation services in Sumter and Manning. Because of COVID-19, appointments will be required; no walk-ins allowed. No weekend or holiday services will be offered. Appointments in Sumter will be held at **South Sumter Resource** Center, 337 Manning Ave., and Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Call Pat at (803) 651-1714 or Emmly at (803)

983-2514 to schedule. In Manning, appointments will be held at First Baptist Church, 49 W. Boyce St. Call Lula at (803) 316-0772. Virtual tax preparation with limited direct contact with taxpayers will also be offered. For additional information or to make an appointment, call between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Sumter NAACP "Get Out The Vaccination Campaign (GOTVAC)" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at Delaine Community Center, 5400 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield. First come, first served.

Carolina Backcountry Springtime will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, at the Sumter County Museum, 122 N. Washington St. Visitors will journey back in time to the year 1800 to see what life was like for settlers in the area. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate blacksmithing, spinning and weaving, butter churning and more. Kids will have the chance to play 19th century games like quoits, hoop and stick and graces. There will also be a Backcountry and Barns Scavenger Hunt complete with a special prize. This event is free and open to the public.

The Sumter County Museum will host a talk and book signing with author Mary Alice Monroe at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 122 N. Washington St. Cost is \$30 for members or \$35 for the general public and includes a hardback copy of Mon-roe's new novel "The Sum-mer of Lost and Found." Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Visit http://www. sumtercountymuseum.org/ events.html or call (803) 775-0908.

PUBLIC AGENDA

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

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC. ABILITIES UNLIMITED INC. ADAPTIVE LIFESTYLES INC. MAGNOLIA MANOR INC. FIRST FLIGHT INC.
Today, 8 a.m., 750 Electric Drive.
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MID-CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR

HIGHER EDUCATION QUARTERLY Today, 5:30 p.m., Bultman Conference Room, Room 201,

University of South Carolina Sumter, 200 Miller Road

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

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Today, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORSWednesday, noon, chamber office

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING

COMMISSION Wednesday, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of your responsibilities

before someone reminds you to. Dig in and get something done that makes you proud and fulfilled. Don't get angry over something you cannot change. Find a way to work around any obstacle you encounter. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Address issues that can hold you back or cost you emotionally, mentally or physically. Set high standards and work hard, and you'll gain the respect of those you live or work alongside. Add a personal touch to whatever you pursue. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Ponder what's possible. Check out what's required to move forward with something you want to pursue. Show discipline and patience when dealing with people you find challenging. Leave nothing to chance or incomplete. Don't count on anyone but yourself. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Say no to a joint venture. Use your skills and knowledge to your advantage. You can make a difference if you take a leadership position. Take control, and you'll get the results you desire. Personal improvements will pay off. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Show discipline, stick to your plan, and say no to temptation, excessiveness and overspending. Stop worrying about what others do, and concentrate on what you are doing. Partnership problems will arise if you let your emotions interfere with how you behave. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn from the best, follow through with your plans and don't be afraid to do things your way. Take a unique approach. Opportunities to use your skills diversely and to connect with people who share your sentiments will unfold. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to let your emotions interfere with your financial matters. Live up to your promises, take care of your personal and professional responsibilities, and aim to stabilize your life. Avoid getting involved in joint ventures or agreeing to share expenses. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on what you are trying to achieve. Take the path that leads to personal growth and a change of scenery. Focus on decluttering your life and letting go of situations holding you back or limiting your freedom. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep life simple, be moderate and avoid letting others dictate what you can do. Spend more time at home altering your space to accommodate what you want to do next. Don't trust anyone with personal information, possessions or passwords. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've got what it takes to excel. Put your energy where it counts, and don't stop until you reach your destination. Look at obscure propositions and adjust them to fit into your lifestyle and dreams. Romance will enhance your life. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing with a friend, colleague or relative will be difficult. Give others the freedom to do as they please, and redirect your energy into something that will benefit you personally. Fitness, health and personal growth are in your best interest. 2 stars

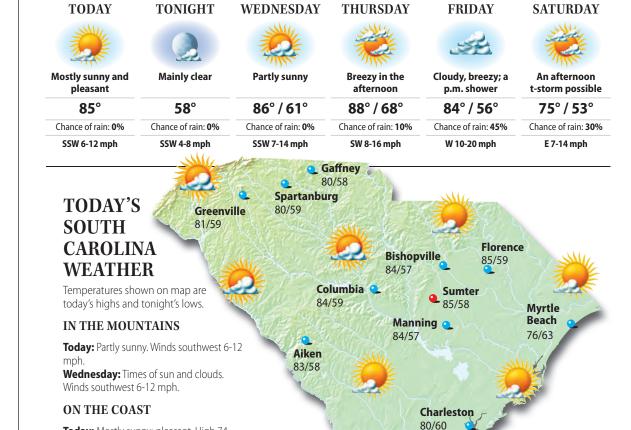
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Invest time and money in your surroundings, skills and plans to get ahead. A change in direction will be rejuvenating and give you something to embrace. Follow your heart, and take the initiative to make your dreams come true. Romance is favored. 5 stars

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

WEDNESDAY



LOCAL ALMANAC

High 73 to 80.

Today: Mostly sunny; pleasant. High 74

Wednesday: Partly sunny and pleasant.

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY Temperature

High	75°
Low	48°
Normal high	77°
Normal low	52°
Record high	91° in 1990
Record low	40° in 1995

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00
Month to date	0.06
Normal month to date	2.66
Year to date	13.82
Last year to date	15.73
Normal year to date	13.95

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	pool	/ a.m. yest.	24-nr chg
Murray	360	358.02	+0.07
Marion	76.8	75.44	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.93	+0.03
Wateree	100	96.55	-0.01

RIVER STAGES

Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
12	5.13	+0.02
19	5.15	+0.20
14	4.79	-0.03
14	5.80	+0.27
80	78.90	+0.02
24	9.24	+1.24
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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:37 a.m.	Sunset	8:03 p.m.
Moonrise	9:00 p.m.	Moonset	7:05 a.m.
Last	New	First	Full
May 3	May 11	May 19	May 26

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	High	Ht.	Low	Ht
Today	9:52 a.m.	3.2	4:36 a.m.	-0.7
	10:27 p.m.	3.8	4:42 p.m.	-0.7
Wed.	10:44 a.m.	3.2	5:29 a.m.	-0.7
	11:19 p.m.	3.8	5:31 p.m.	-0.7

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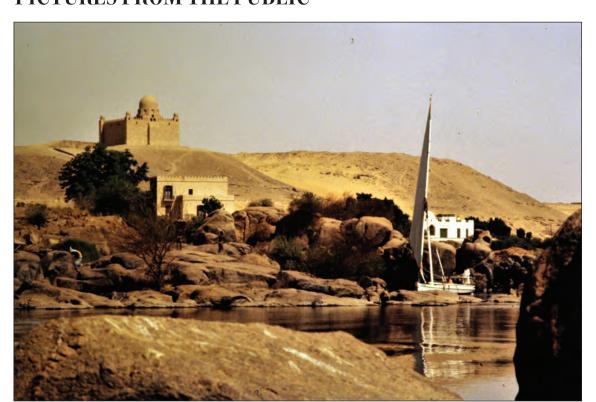
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City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	83/64/pc	83/64/pc	Asheville	79/55/pc	81/57/pc	Florence	85/59/s	87/61/pc	Marion	81/56/pc	83/58/pc
Chicago	85/62/pc	72/49/t	Athens	84/61/pc	86/61/pc	Gainesville	83/61/s	85/61/s	Mt. Pleasant	76/62/s	76/64/pc
Dallas	79/70/t	81/65/t	Augusta	85/58/s	85/58/pc	Gastonia	81/59/pc	84/62/pc	Myrtle Beach	76/63/s	78/65/pc
Detroit	83/62/pc	78/54/t	Beaufort	80/62/s	80/65/pc	Goldsboro	83/60/s	86/62/pc	Orangeburg	82/57/s	83/59/pc
Houston	83/73/c	87/72/c	Cape Hatteras	74/63/s	73/65/pc	Goose Creek	79/58/s	80/62/pc	Port Royal	78/62/s	77/66/pc
Los Angeles	68/55/pc	81/60/s	Charleston	80/60/s	82/63/pc	Greensboro	80/58/pc	83/63/pc	Raleigh	83/59/s	86/63/pc
New Orleans	84/72/pc	84/73/c	Charlotte	82/60/pc	85/62/pc	Greenville	81/59/pc	83/61/pc	Rock Hill	81/58/pc	84/60/pc
New York	66/57/pc	85/64/pc	Clemson	80/59/pc	82/61/pc	Hickory	81/59/pc	82/62/pc	Rockingham	83/58/s	86/60/pc
Orlando	82/64/s	83/65/pc	Columbia	84/59/s	86/61/pc	Hilton Head	74/63/s	74/66/pc	Savannah	80/59/s	81/63/pc
Philadelphia	74/60/pc	86/66/pc	Darlington	83/58/s	86/61/pc	Jacksonville, FL	80/60/s	83/63/pc	Spartanburg	80/59/pc	84/62/pc
Phoenix	73/56/c	84/63/s	Elizabeth City	81/62/s	85/63/pc	La Grange	83/63/pc	84/62/pc	Summerville	80/58/s	80/61/pc
San Francisco	64/50/s	69/50/s	Elizabethtown	83/59/s	86/61/pc	Macon	84/60/pc	84/59/pc	Wilmington	80/61/s	83/64/pc
Wash., DC	84/64/pc	89/69/pc	Fayetteville	84/59/s	87/61/pc	Marietta	82/64/pc	83/64/pc	Winston-Salem	81/60/pc	84/65/pc

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



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