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## Training to save lives



Firefighters from Sumter's city and county fire stations conduct rescue training at the training center grounds off McCrays Mill Road on Tuesday morning. During the training session, the firefighters practiced using struts, hooks, chains and winches to slowly rotate rolled-over vehicles in order to reach potential patients. The first scenario involved a vehicle that had been hit by a tractor-trailer, and the second scenario involved a vehicle that rolled into a tree line. Both situations required the firefighters to be creative when attaching the equipment to the vehicles.



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# Stemming teacher shortage is crucial

Educator center director says S.C. needs more incentives

BY SEANNA ADCOX  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Stemming South Carolina's growing teacher shortage will require persuading teachers not to leave the profession, education officials told a Senate panel Tuesday.

More than 6,000 public school teachers didn't return to their classroom last year, while the number of college students earning an education degree shrunk to fewer than 1,900. And those numbers could worsen. A survey of last spring's graduating high school seniors showed just 5 percent had any interest in becoming a teacher.

"It's pretty clear we've got a significant issue," said Jane Turner, director of the state's Center for Educator Recruitment,

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# Wilson Hall duo named semifinalists

Seniors thrilled with National Merit Scholarship distinction

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Wilson Hall seniors Kirsten Fisher and Matthew Tavarez share many things in common. They're friends and high achievers in the classroom, both love to learn and discover new things, both train together and run on the school's cross country and track teams, and both desire to possibly pursue a career in bioengineering.

Recently, they shared another distinction: Both were named National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. The highly prestigious honor goes to 16,000 high school seniors nationwide who score in the top 1 percent on the Preliminary SAT as juniors. They were the only two high school seniors selected this year for all of Sumter County. Tavarez scored a 1,450 out of a possible 1,520 on the PSAT last year while Fisher tallied a 1,480.

Both are thrilled to receive the national honor, which brings with it attention from colleges and universities across the U.S.

Fisher credits her mom and dad for instilling in her a desire to do well in school from a young age. Born and raised in Sumter, Fisher

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# Please don't eat the soap

Some think woman's handiwork is edible

BY IVY MOORE  
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It's highly unlikely Viola Crutchley will ever run out of soap. She can make 1,000 bars a day in a variety of scents, all with ingredients that are healthy for the skin. While she sells most of them, Crutchley tries to keep an ample supply for herself and her family.

When she's not at festivals or craft fairs, the proprietor of The Garden Soapery is busy in her 500-square-foot shop in Santee, making not just her natural soaps, but other products as well.

In the two years since she started making soaps, Crutchley's business has expanded,



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Viola Crutchley can make 1,000 bars of soap a day in a range of colors and scents.

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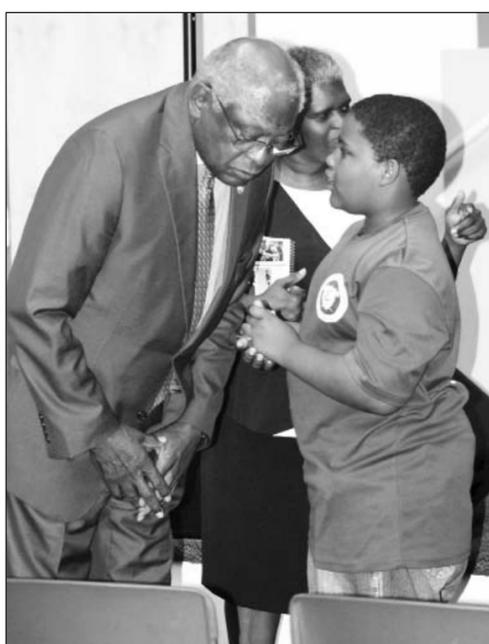
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## Clyburn speaks at USC Sumter



U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., a Sumter native, presented the annual Constitution Day lecture at University of South Carolina Sumter on Tuesday in the Arts and Letters Lecture Hall. Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by the 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention on Sept. 17, 1787, and is considered the birthday of government in the U.S. Archie Parnell, who campaigned in a close race against winner Ralph Parnell in South Carolina's 5th District earlier this year, also attended the lecture, which was open to the public.

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## LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

### Sumter Coatings hires executive director

Sumter Coatings Inc. welcomes John S. Flowers, a veteran in the paint and coatings industry, as executive director of sales and marketing.

Flowers has more than 20 years experience working in various roles in the paint and coatings industry and most recently was industrial product manager for HEMPEL, USA.

While working with Sumter Coatings, he will be responsible for the development and coordination of sales and marketing for national and independent accounts. He will also oversee long-term sales strategy development.

Flowers will be working closely with the industrial, specialty, tolling/national accounts division and technical laboratory to develop and sell existing and new markets.

Flowers and his wife, Carol, will be relocating to Sumter from the Dallas, Texas, area.

### Aquatics center still holding open swim

Although summer vacation has ended, locals can still enjoy

some fun in the water at City of Sumter Aquatics Center. Open swim is from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The aquatics center is closed on Monday.

### Free car seat safety checks Friday

Safe Kids Sumter County will conduct a car seat safety check from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday at Jones Chevrolet on Broad Street. Cheryl Jackson, Safe Kids Coalition coordinator, said installing and using a child's car seat is important to prevent injuries or even death.

In addition, she said there is a \$155 fine if a driver is stopped with a child improperly restrained in his or her car. Safe Kids conducts a class at Palmetto Health Tuomey for drivers who have been ticketed for the infraction.

"Just this week, I had seven people come to the class," Jackson said. "I have some every week, so we know the inspection and instruction are needed."

Completing the class successfully will reduce the offending driver's ticket to \$30, but it is still preferable to know how to install and use the seat properly from the start, she said.

The car seat safety check at Jones Chevrolet is free, and no

appointment is necessary.

"Just show up," Jackson said. "We'll have our tents set up behind Cookout and Chick-fil-A."

For more information, call Safe Kids Sumter County at (803) 774-8822.

### Hydrant flow tests set for Sept. 27, 28

The City of Sumter will perform fire hydrant flow tests between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27 and 28, on North Pike West, North Wise Drive, Miller Road and McCrays Mill Road. Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water.

For additional information, contact the public services office at (803) 436-2558.

### Body of woman found under pile of trash

COLUMBIA — Authorities say a woman's body was found under a pile of trash in South Carolina, and it appears she died a while back.

Richland County Sheriff's Lt. Curtis Wilson says workers picking up trash near a tire shop in Columbia found the body Wednesday morning.

The coroner's office has not released the woman's name or how she died.

## More than \$550 million waiting to be claimed

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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With the holiday shopping season coming up it may be a good idea to go online and check the South Carolina Unclaimed Property Program to see if you are one of thousands of South Carolinians with funds waiting to be claimed.

The unclaimed property program is managed by the office of state treasurer, Curtis Loftis Jr.

According to the state treasurer's website, there is more than \$550 million in unclaimed funds in South Carolina.

Unclaimed, or abandoned, property can be any kind of intangible property such as uncashed checks, dormant bank accounts, utility deposits or even shares of stock that have not been exchanged. Unclaimed property does not include real estate or vehicles.

And, abandoned property can belong to and be claimed by people and businesses.

The treasurer's office website states that property becomes unclaimed after it is inactive for a period of time and the property hold-

er is unable to reach the property owner. For most properties, it takes five years of inactivity for the property to be considered abandoned.

All abandoned property must be reported to the state unclaimed property program which will document the unclaimed funds and provide one location for state residents to locate their funds.

According to the treasurer office's website, some unclaimed funds go back to the 1940s.

There is no time limit nor a fee to claim funds.

Property can also be claimed even if the original property owner is deceased as long as proof of ownership and other documents are provided to the state treasurer's office.

To find out if you have unclaimed property and how to claim funds, go to the state treasurer website at [treasurer.sc.gov](http://treasurer.sc.gov).

If you have lived in other states, go to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators website at [www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org) to check for unclaimed property associated with previous addresses.

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# Senate honors McElveen for conservation efforts

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

According to a news release from the Conservation Voters of South Carolina, Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, was given the Senate Conservation Leadership Award at the Ninth Annual Green Tie Luncheon hosted by CVSC on Wednesday at the Grand Hall of Historic 701 Whaley. The event honored public servants and conservation leaders for their dedication to



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creating a safe, clean and healthy South Carolina. "The principles that are important to this organization are very, very important to me," McElveen said, noting that he was accepting the award on behalf of the people of Senate District 35. "I received my first-ever political endorsement

from CVSC, and it felt good. I thank them for taking a chance on me then and for this award today." According to the release, McElveen received the award for leading the fight to protect important legal protections for our air, land and water during his five sessions in the state senate. "Sen. McElveen's leadership has been critical to protecting clean air, land and water for all South Carolin-

ians," said Cody Smith, CVSC board chairman. "We're so proud of the work he's done and so privileged to be able to honor him here today." Also included in the release were several accomplishments by McElveen since being elected to the South Carolina Senate in 2012: McElveen has maintained a perfect voting record on conservation legislation including playing an important role in the passage

of the historic Shoreline Management Bill in 2016, leading a complicated filibuster against efforts to weaken the Automatic Stay in 2017 and fighting to save the Pollution Control Act. "We have a responsibility to preserve our natural resources. They don't belong to us; they belong to our children and grandchildren and future generations. I'm glad this organization exists to fight for that cause," McElveen said.

## Willow Drive Elementary hosts event for fathers

Willow Drive Elementary School held its first Pro Dads meeting recently. Approximately 169 dads were in attendance. Doughnuts and orange juice were served while those in attendance heard representatives from the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, the school's newest community partner, share the organization's purpose, how it will operate at Willow Drive and the reason meaningful parent engagement from a male model in the family unit is important. Pro Dads will meet the second Friday of each month, with the next meeting on Oct. 13.

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# Maria knocks out power, triggers flooding in Puerto Rico

BY DANICA COTO  
The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The strongest hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in more than 80 years destroyed hundreds of homes, knocked out power across the entire island and triggered heavy flooding Wednesday in an onslaught that could plunge the U.S. territory deeper into financial crisis.

Leaving at least nine people dead in its wake across the Caribbean, Hurricane Maria blew ashore in the morning in the southeast coastal town of Yabucoa as a Category 4 storm with winds of 155 mph.

It was expected to punish the island of 3.4 million people with life-threatening winds for 12 to 24 hours.

"Once we're able to go outside, we're going to find our island destroyed," warned Abner Gomez, Puerto Rico's emergency management director. "The information we have received is not encouraging. It's a system that has destroyed everything in its path."

It was the second time in two weeks that Puerto Rico felt the wrath of a hurricane.

There were no immediate reports of any deaths or serious injuries on the island.

As people waited it out in shelters or took cover inside stairwells, bathrooms and closets, Maria brought down cell towers and power lines, snapped trees, tore off roofs and unloaded at least 20 inches of rain.

Widespread flooding was reported, with dozens of cars half-submerged in some neighborhoods and many streets

turned into rivers. People calling local radio stations reported that doors were being torn off their hinges and a water tank flew away.

Felix Delgado, mayor of the northern coastal city of Cataño, told The Associated Press that 80 percent of the 454 homes in a neighborhood known as Juana Matos were destroyed. The fishing community on San Juan Bay was hit with a storm surge of more than 4 feet, he said.

"Months and months and months are going to pass before we can recover from this," he said.

As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Maria had weakened into a Category 2 hurricane with winds of 110 mph. It was centered just off the northwestern corner of Puerto Rico, moving at 12 mph.

It was expected to pass off the northeastern coast of the Dominican Republic late Wednesday and today.

Even before the storm, Puerto Rico's electrical grid was crumbling, and the island was in dire condition financially.

Puerto Rico is struggling to restructure a portion of its \$73 billion debt, and the government has warned it is running out of money as it fights back

against furloughs and other austerity measures imposed by a federal board overseeing the island's finances.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello urged people to have faith: "We are stronger than any hurricane. Together, we will rebuild."

He asked President Trump to declare the island a disaster zone, a step that would open the way to federal aid.

Many people feared extended power outages would further sink businesses struggling amid a recession that has lasted more than a decade.

"This is going to be a disaster," said Jean Robert Auguste, who owns two French restaurants and sought shelter at a San Juan hotel. "We haven't made any money this month."

More than 11,000 people — and more than 580 pets — were in shelters, authorities said.

Along the island's northern coast, an emergency medical station in the town of Arecibo lost its roof, while communication was severed with several emergency management posts. A hospital and a police station reported broken windows, and a tree fell on an ambulance.

As the storm closed in on the Dominican Republic, about 4,000 tourists in the Bavaro-Punta Cana area on the eastern tip of the island were moved to hotels in Santo Domingo, the capital.

Maria posed no immediate threat to the U.S. mainland. The long-range forecast showed the storm out in the Atlantic Ocean hundreds of

miles off the Georgia-South Carolina coast by Monday morning.

Previously a Category 5 with 175 mph winds, Maria hit Puerto Rico as the third-strongest storm to make landfall in the U.S., based on its central pressure. It was even stronger than Hurricane Irma when Irma roared into the Florida Keys earlier this month.

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# Study: Most states would take a hit from health bill

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most states would take a stiff budgetary hit if the latest Senate GOP health care bill becomes law, according to an outside analysis released Wednesday. That would likely result in more uninsured Americans.

The study by the consulting firm Avalere Health found that the Graham-Cassidy bill would lead to an overall \$215 billion cut to states in federal funding for health insurance, through 2026. Reductions would grow over time.

"A reduction in federal subsidies for health insurance is likely to result in more people being uninsured," said Caroline Pearson, a senior vice president at Avalere, which specializes in health industry research. The study itself did not make estimates of the impact on insurance coverage.

States that voted for President Trump would not be immune from cuts, though deep-blue California and New York face the deepest reductions. West Virginia, a Trump bastion, would see a \$1 billion cut from 2020-26.

The Avalere analysis comes as Senate leaders are rushing

a vote on the legislation by the end of the month, before the expiration of special budget rules that allow passage by a simple majority. The findings could take on added importance, because the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says it can't complete a full analysis of the bill by the Sep. 30 vote deadline.

Named for Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, the bill would repeal much of the Obama-era Affordable Care Act and limit future federal funding for Medicaid. That federal-state health insurance program covers more than 70 million low-income people, ranging from newborns to elderly nursing home residents. Compared to current projected levels, Medicaid spending would be reduced by more than \$1 trillion, or 12 percent, from 2020-2036, the study found.

The bill would also end Obama's health insurance subsidies and put money into a big pot that would be distributed among the states. Governors and legislatures would have broad leeway on how to spend the money and could also seek waivers from ACA insurance requirements. Though insurers would still have to cover peo-



AP PHOTO/ALEX BRANDON

Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., center, as Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., left, speaks to the media, accompanied by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017 in Washington.

ple with medical problems, in some states they may be able to charge them more.

The Avalere study also found that over 20 years cuts could potentially total more than \$4 trillion, but that scenario appears unlikely. It's based on a literal reading of the bill, under which legal authority for the big pot of money to subsidize coverage would expire after 2026. Typically, Congress renews expiring programs.

Still, the study found more losers than winners. Thirty-four states would see cuts by 2026, while 16 would see increases. Among the losers are several states that were key for Trump, including Florida, Pennsylvania, Michi-

gan and Ohio.

Arizona and Alaska would be losers, a detail that could be important. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, are seen as undecided on the legislation, and Republican leaders cannot afford many defections.

New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie said Wednesday he is opposed to the Graham-Cassidy bill because of cuts to his state, estimated by Avalere at \$10 billion from 2020-26.

Texas would be the biggest winner, with a \$35-billion funding increase by 2026. Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia would also see funding gains, as would Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Within states, the analysis found that there could be winners and losers among people at different income levels. Because the GOP bill focuses on providing money to cover poor people and the near-poor, states may decide to reduce support for middle-class people who now receive subsidies under Obama's law.

Funding for the Avalere report was provided by the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank. Avalere said it maintained full control over the research and the think tank did not influence the findings.

GOP leaders and the White House are pushing for a vote next week.

## Lavrov hints Russia, U.S. 'tit for tat' could end

NEW YORK (AP) — Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told The Associated Press in an interview that he heard positive news in President Trump's United Nations address: "that the U.S. would not impose its way of life on others."

"I think it's a very welcome statement, which we haven't heard from an American leader for a very long time," said Lavrov, who sat down with the AP and Russia's Tass news agency Tuesday, directly after meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Lavrov blamed the Obama administration for the collapse in relations between Moscow and Washington. The U.S. enacted a series of steps against Russia and Russian diplomats in December, including new sanctions and expelling 35 Russian diplomats, to punish Russia for meddling in the U.S. elections, a charge Russia has denied. Moscow responded by limiting the size of the U.S. diplomatic staff in Russia.

In his speech to the General Assembly, Trump said, "We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to watch." He also said, "Strong, sovereign nations let diverse countries with different values, different cultures, not just coexist, but work side by side on the basis of mutual respect."

Lavrov pointed to those statements while acknowledging relations are at "a very difficult and a very low point, which is the legacy of the Obama administration." But he said that what Trump had said during the election campaign, and what he continues to say now, is that he wants to have good relations with Moscow.

"What I feel, talking to Rex Tillerson, is that this is the position of the administration, that they are not happy with the current state of relations, and we are not happy at all," he said.

Lavrov said it would be "quite useful" for Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin to meet again in November during an Asian-Pacific summit scheduled in Danang,

Vietnam, to review the progress in their bilateral relations. Talks are going on now among lower-ranking officials, he said, including the two countries' militaries and their security agencies. "The dialogue has been going on; it's not easy," Lavrov said.

At their first face-to-face meetings, Putin and Trump met several times in Hamburg, Germany, in July during the G-20 summit.

In his speech, Trump refrained from criticizing Russia, although he made a passing reference to Ukraine's sovereignty. He only mentioned Russia once — to thank Moscow for voting in favor of Security Council sanctions against North Korea.

In contrast, at a Security Council meeting Wednesday, Vice President Mike Pence listed Russia first among countries threatening world stability.

"For as President Trump observed yesterday, we are once again confronted in his words by those who threaten us with chaos, with turmoil and terror who seek to undermine property security, all of which the president called the pillars of peace," Pence said. "In Eastern Europe, Russia continues to compromise the sovereignty of its neighbors as it seeks to redraw international neighbors by force."

Pence then went on to warn of the threats posed by "radical Islamic terrorism," Iran and North Korea.

During the interview, Lavrov seemed to hint that the "tit-for-tat" series of ousters of diplomats from U.S. and Russian embassies was over for now.

"We waited very long with our tit in response to Obama's tit," Lavrov said. "Being serious people and responsible people, and I feel Rex Tillerson is one of them, I hope that we can draw conclusions from where we are now and understand where we want to be."

He said that both Russia and the United States have to address the situation as it is, which he said was created by "the spiral of unfriendly steps started by the Obama administration," but still work like "responsible people" to address their bilateral ties as well as serious international issues.



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Sakie Yokota testifies on Capitol Hill before a House committee in 2006 about her daughter, Megumi Yokota (shown in photos), who was abducted by North Korea.

## Girl's mother thankful president spoke of abduction in U.N. speech

TOKYO (AP) — The mother of a Japanese girl abducted by North Korea is thankful President Trump mentioned her in his U.N. General Assembly speech and hopes it could be a chance for a breakthrough.

Megumi Yokota was abducted on her way home from school after badminton practice in November 1977. Japan's government recognizes 17 of its citizens as abductees by North Korea, and Megumi, who was just 13 at the time, has become a symbol of a national movement to resolve the abduction issue.

"I was really surprised, but it was great, and I'm thankful to (Trump) for bringing up the issue and putting it into words in front of those representatives from around the world," her mother, Sakie Yo-

kota, told reporters Wednesday. "Every word on the issue is a chance. I believe (Trump's words) had a profound significance to the issue."

Trump listed several accusations against North Korea in his speech Tuesday, saying in reference to Megumi, "we know it kidnapped a sweet 13-year-old Japanese girl from a beach in her own country to enslave her as a language tutor for North Korea's spies."

North Korea, after years of denial, acknowledged in 2002 that its agents had abducted Japanese citizens to train spies in the 1970s and 1980s and eventually returned five of them. It said Megumi died and says others never entered North Korea, but Japan disputes that and is seeking further investigation.



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# U.S. gives \$32M in aid for Rohingya refugees

BY JOSH LEDERMAN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The United States will contribute nearly \$32 million in humanitarian aid to help Rohingya Muslim refugees, the State Department said Wednesday, in the Trump administration's first major response to the mass exodus from Myanmar.

The new money for food, medical care, water, sanitation and shelter comes as the U.S. joins a growing chorus of international condemnation over the minority group's plight. In less than a month, some 421,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, as the United Nations and others raise allegations of ethnic cleansing.

The Trump administration announced the new funds as world leaders were converging in New York for annual United Nations General Assembly meetings. Vice President Mike Pence lamented the "terrible savagery" of Myanmar's security forces as he addressed a U.N. Security Council session Wednesday focused on peacekeeping.

"We are witnessing a historic exodus," Pence said.

The crisis has threatened to jeopardize Myanmar's U.S.-aided shift toward democracy after five decades of harsh military rule. Former President Obama helped shepherd that transition in what is considered one of his key foreign policy achievements. President Trump has been less attentive to the country, also known as Burma.

The exodus has also emerged as a major blemish on the record of Myanmar's civilian leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, who maintained close ties to the Obama administration.

Suu Kyi did not travel to New York for the U.N. meetings, but in a speech this week — her first on the crisis — she defended her country's actions and called for the Rohingya to return. She also held what's thought to be her first phone call with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who urged her to let in humanitarian aid and to ensure conditions are safe enough for the Rohingya to come home.



Rohingya Muslims, who crossed over recently from Myanmar into Bangladesh, stand in a queue to receive food being distributed near Balukhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. More than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled to neighboring Bangladesh in the past year, most of them in the last three weeks, after security forces and allied mobs retaliated to a series of attacks by Muslim militants last month by burning down thousands of Rohingya homes in the predominantly Buddhist nation.

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"While we welcome Aung San Suu Kyi's comments that returning refugees have nothing to fear, the United States of America renews our call on Burma's security forces to end their violence immediately and support diplomatic efforts for a long-term solution," Pence said.

Last month, Rohingya insurgents attacked Myanmar security forces, leading to a military crackdown in which Rohingya villages have been burned and hundreds killed. The Rohingya live mainly in Myanmar's northern Rakhine state, near the Bangladesh border, and have had a long and difficult history in the predominantly Buddhist nation.

Simon Henshaw, the top U.S. diplomat for refugee and migration issues, said there was much more Myanmar's government must do to secure the area and protect the people.

"We're concerned about the reports of attacks, extrajudicial murders, rapes, burning of villages," Henshaw said in an interview on the sidelines of the U.N. gathering.

The State Department will provide the money from an existing account

for refugee and migration issues, officials said, and will coordinate the aid through the International Committee of the Red Cross and affiliated local groups.

Though Suu Kyi has said the "great majority" of Muslims in the conflict zone stayed put and less than half of villages were emptied, the U.S. has voiced skepticism about that assertion.

"We don't have the access to evaluate that," Henshaw said. "But 420,000 people moving into Bangladesh suggests the vast majority of Rohingya are affected."

The U.S. said the new money makes up roughly one-fourth of what global aid groups say they need to address the humanitarian crisis, with the expectation that the rest of the world will make up the remaining three-quarters. Over time, the overall cost will probably run into many hundreds of millions, said Eric Schwartz, the president of Refugees International.

"I've been doing this work for 30 years," Schwartz said by phone as he flew back from Bangladesh. "This is as bad as anything I've ever seen in

terms of the human misery that the Burmese military has created."

Schwartz said that in addition to food, water and shelter, the refugees will need clothing, security for camps being erected on the Myanmar-Bangladesh border, education for hundreds of thousands of child refugees and psychosocial support for those who have experienced trauma during the exodus.

Bangladesh already struggles with overpopulation and is poorly equipped to take in hundreds of thousands of refugees. Even so, the international community has roundly praised the country for its generosity and willingness to help the Rohingya.

The \$32 million brings the total the U.S. has given in humanitarian aid for Myanmar refugees and related issues this budget year to roughly \$95 million. Although the crisis has worsened sharply in recent weeks, hundreds of thousands more Rohingya were already in Bangladesh from waves of violence years earlier, while others were displaced within Myanmar.

# Report: Iran group hacks aviation, petrochemical industries

BY JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A group of hackers suspected of working in Iran for its government is targeting the aviation and petrochemical industries in Saudi Arabia, the U.S. and South Korea, a cybersecurity firm warned Wednesday.

The report by FireEye also said the suspected Iranian hackers left behind a new type of malware that could have been used to destroy the computers it infected, an echo of two other Iran-attributed cyberattacks targeting Saudi Arabia in 2012 and 2016 that destroyed systems.

Iran's office at the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday, and its state media did not report on the claims. However, suspected Iranian hackers long have operated without caring if people found it was them or if there would be consequences, making them incredibly dangerous, said Stuart Davis, a director at one of FireEye's subsidiaries.

"Today, without any repercussions, a neighboring country can compromise and wipe out 20 institutions," Davis said.

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STUART DAVIS

A director at one of FireEye's subsidiaries, a cybersecurity firm

FireEye, which often works with governments and large corporations, refers to the group as APT33, an acronym for "advanced persistent threat." APT33 used phishing email attacks with fake job opportunities to gain access to the companies affected, faking domain names to make it look like the messages came from Boeing Co. or defense contractors.

The hackers remained inside of the systems of those affected for "four to six months" at a time, able to steal data and leaving behind

the malware that FireEye refers to as Shapeshifter. The coding contains Farsi-language references, the official language of Iran, FireEye said.

Timestamps in the code also correspond to hackers working from Saturday to Wednesday, the Iranian workweek, Davis said. The programs used in the campaign are popular with Iranian coders, servers were registered via Iranian companies and one of the spies appears to have accidentally left his online handle, "xman\_1365\_x," in part of the code.

That name "shows up all over Iranian hacker forums," FireEye's John Hultquist said. "I don't think they're worried about being caught. ... They just don't feel like they have to bother."

The Associated Press was able to find other clues pointing to an Iranian nexus. One of the email addresses used to register a malicious server belongs to an Ali Mehrabian, who used the same address to create more than 120 Iranian websites over the past six years.

Neither Mehrabian, who listed himself as living in Tehran, nor "xman" returned

emails seeking comment.

Iran developed its cyber capabilities in 2011 after the Stuxnet computer virus destroyed thousands of centrifuges involved in Iran's contested nuclear program. Stuxnet is widely thought to be an American and Israeli creation.

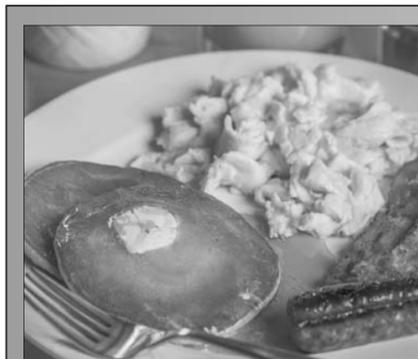
Iran is thought to be behind the spread of Shamoon in 2012, which hit Saudi Arabian Oil Co. and Qatari natural gas producer RasGas. The virus deleted hard drives and then displayed a picture of a burning American flag on computer screens. Saudi Aramco ultimately shut down its network and destroyed over 30,000 computers.

A second version of Shamoon raced through Saudi government computers in late 2016, this time having the destroyed computers dis-

play a photograph of the body of 3-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi, who drowned fleeing his country's civil war. Suspicion again fell on Iran.

FireEye's report said it thought APT33 "is likely in search of strategic intelligence capable of benefiting a government or a military sponsor."

High on the list of any potential suspects within Iran would be its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard. U.S. prosecutors in March 2016 accused hackers associated to Guard-linked companies of attacking dozens of banks and a small dam near New York City. Hackers linked to the Guard also have been suspected of targeting the email and social-media accounts of Obama administration officials.



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Wilson Hall seniors Kirsten Fisher, left, and Matthew Tavarez were recently selected as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

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said her favorite subjects are the sciences and math.

It takes only a few minutes in talking with Fisher to see her inner drive to succeed.

Wilson Hall College Counselor Diane Richardson, who works with the school's juniors and seniors on their college planning, said Fisher is a highly focused student.

"Kirsten is driven to succeed," Richardson said. "She will be one of those students who — one day — we will be so thankful we have her. I just see her in research or some helps career. She's hungry to learn."

Outside of class, Fisher enjoys reading and the opportunity to compete on the cross country and track teams at Wilson Hall.

"I love running, and sports gives me an opportunity to run with teammates and compete and use my abilities," Fisher said.

Also motivated by his parents to succeed, Tavarez moved with his family to Sumter when he was 8 years old. He attended Wilson Hall from the fourth through 10th grades, before attending the state Governor's School for Science & Mathematics last year in Hartsville. He's back at Wilson Hall for his senior year.

As far as career goals, Tavarez said his aren't set in stone, but for now after earning an undergraduate degree in biology, he said he would like to pursue a master's in bioengineering or go to medical school to become a doctor.

Outside of school, he loves

learning about different subjects online and enjoys relationships with his friends.

Tavarez said it's quite an honor just to be selected as a National Merit Scholar semifinalist because the honor goes to only 16,000 high school seniors in the country. About half of the semifinalists — 7,500 — actually earn the National Merit Scholarship.

"I think the honor that I have right now — to be recognized as a semifinalist — in itself is a great honor," Tavarez said. "Only 16,000 are named semifinalists in the country, and then 7,500 end up getting the scholarship. So, really getting the scholarship — in my mind — is not a huge step up from the honor I already have. It's just the top half of the semifinalists. I'm very happy with the distinction that I have now."

Richardson described Tavarez as a quick learner but said he's quick to show gratitude and is blessed with a humble spirit.

Wilson Hall Headmaster Fred Moulton said he's proud of the two seniors' accomplishments and said it's building on the school's reputation. He noted during the last five years, the school has had 11 National Merit semifinalists.

"Becoming a National Merit semifinalist at Wilson Hall isn't a one-time occurrence, but it's happening most every year, which is a reflection of our teachers and curriculum and student effort and parental input," Moulton said.

## SOAPERY

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and her products can be found in both of the Carolinas. Often, she's there with them.

Crutchley, a former truck driver, found soap making as a new career after a wreck that left her with permanent damage to her arms and neck. She has help with the heavy lifting from her partner, Art Pierson, a woodworker who makes "soap decks" — slotted wooden soap holders — and other products, as well as some soap.

And it's soap that Crutchley fell in love with. "I read books for six months before I started making soap," she said. Cocoa butter is one of her favorite ingredients.

"I love cocoa butter," she said. "I start with 55 pounds, and every batch of soap I make has 2 pounds of cocoa butter in it. It's good for all skin types."

She also makes some soaps with coconut oil, olive oil, castor oil, shea butter, coffee butter, palm oil and several other "skin-loving ingredients."

"I use organic, sustainable materials as much as possible," much of it locally sourced, such as the goat's milk from a nearby dairy that's in some products.

It takes Crutchley about 90 minutes to 24 hours to make her soap — as many as 21 "loaves" that yield about 1,000 bars. Then they have to cure before being packaged for sale.

"They're all made by hand," she said. "There's nothing industrial about it."

She adds the fragrances, colors and designs by hand to her dozens of products and notes that every one looks different because of the process.

As for the scents, although Crutchley formulates them herself, and there are dozens, she ad-



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Crutchley holds a slice of her most popular soap, Watermelon Lemonade. She and Art Pierson make soaps and other natural products with dozens of fragrances at their shop, The Garden Soapery.

mits, "I'm not a fragrance person. Art is very involved in what we're doing. He comes up with different ideas for fragrances. It's his fault we have so many scents."

She laughed. "They smell so good, we have to tell people 'please don't eat the soap.'"

The Garden Soapery offers not just soaps, but also lotions, sugar scrubs, bath-tub teas, bath salts, even laundry soap and several other products.

"They're all as natural as we can make them," Crutchley said. "I'm working on a shampoo now."

With a growing list of regular customers — one gave up her body wash for Crutchley's soap — she's taking her products to shows regularly and constantly looking for new ones to go to.

She'll have her Garden

Soapery display at the Sumter County Fair the last week of September and at the Silver Bells Festival in Sumter in November. Permanent S.C. locations include Pointsett State Park near Wedgefield, Palmetto Peddlers on Hoffmeyer Road in Florence, Five Rivers Market on Chestnut Street in Orangeburg and Antiques Etc. on Cleveland Street in Elloree.

"People are constantly asking me, 'Do you have a store?'" Crutchley said. "We're opening at a new location in June — Meeting and Gervais streets in Columbia."

If you can't see Crutchley at a festival or fair or one of her permanent locations, you can see her products, find out more about them and place an order at her website, [thegardensopery.com](http://thegardensopery.com).

## TEACHERS

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Retention and Advancement.

Districts statewide must do more to help new teachers transition from college to career. Mentoring programs for new teachers are key to bridging the gap, but most districts are unable to offer experienced teachers a stipend or extra time to be a mentor, Turner said.

Last school year, her agency distributed \$6.9 million to 30 districts with the highest teacher turnover, mostly in poor, rural areas.

About \$800,000 of that went toward mentoring programs. The biggest chunk of nearly \$4.7 million funded salary stipends of up to \$1,500 per teacher for those newly hired or teaching hard-to-fill subjects. More than \$1 million reimbursed teachers for graduate-level courses or paid for other training. The least amount — \$17,400 — went toward high school teacher recruitment programs.

They were among the districts' spending options through a program first approved last year in the state budget. Qualifying districts posted an average, five-year teacher turnover rate of at least 11 percent. Several exceeded 25 percent.

It's too early to know whether the incentives are reducing turnover or which options helped the most, Turner said. Her center's annual report on teacher vacancies will come out in January.

Another option is newly available this school year. Teachers can get up to \$5,000 of their student loans forgiven annually, for up to seven years, to potentially erase \$35,000 worth of debt if they stay in the high-turnover districts.

"If you're a first-year teacher struggling and also have a \$350 to \$500 teacher loan payment, that makes a significant difference in your net pay," Turner said. She did not immediately know how many

teachers applied during the summer for the first round.

Turner said a Senate panel tasked with recommending ways to address the state Supreme Court's 2014 order to improve educational opportunities for students in poor, rural districts that initially sued the state 24 years ago.

The state's high court did not tell legislators what to do. Instead, justices ordered lawmakers and educators to work together to fix issues including decrepit buildings, an inability to attract and keep good teachers in poor districts and inadequate busing that forces students to endure hours-long commutes. The order also faulted state funding formulas, which date to

1977, as an outdated, fractured "scheme."

Differences in districts' tax base affect state distributions and how much they can raise locally for schools, helping explain why spending ranges from \$8,700 per student to \$21,800, when including federal, state and local sources.

Further complicating local spending is a 2006 state law that removed school operating expenses off the property taxes of owner-occupied homes.

The state School Boards Association again laid out its now-seven-year-old proposal to fund schools through a

new, statewide property tax. The idea would roll back local property taxes across the state while allowing rural districts with little tax base to benefit from industry elsewhere. It would also simplify distribution, with districts receiving money based on their student population.

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## COMMENTARY

# The steep cost of cheap speech across America

WASHINGTON — At this shank end of a summer that a calmer America someday will remember with embarrassment, you must remember this: In the population of 325 million, a small sliver crouches on the wilder shores of politics, another sliver lives in the dark forest of mental disorder, and there is a substantial overlap between these slivers. At most moments, 312 million are not listening to excitable broadcasters making mountains of significance out of molehills of political effluvia.



**George Will**

Still, after a season of dangerous talk about responding to idiotic talk by abridging First Amendment protections, Americans should consider how, if at all, to respond to “cheap speech.” That phrase was coined 22 years ago by Eugene Volokh of UCLA Law School. Writing in *The Yale Law Journal* (“Cheap Speech and What It Will Do”) at the dawn of the internet, he said that new information technologies were about to “dramatically reduce the costs of distributing speech,” and that this would produce a “much more democratic and diverse” social environment. Power would drain from “intermediaries” (publishers, book and music store owners, etc.) but this might take a toll on “social and cultural cohesion.”

Volokh anticipated today’s a la carte world of instant and inexpensive electronic distributions of only such content as pleases particular individuals. Each person can craft delivery of what MIT Media Lab founder Nicholas Negroponte called (in his 1995 book “Being Digital”) a “Daily Me.” In 1995, Volokh said that “letting a user configure his own mix of materials” can cause social problems: customization breeds confirmation bias — close-minded people who cocoon themselves in a cloud of only congenial information. This exacerbates political polarization by reducing “shared cultural referents” and “common knowledge about current events.”

Technologies that radically reduce intermediaries and other barriers to entry into society’s conversation mean that ignorance, incompetence and intellectual sociopathy are no longer barriers. One result is a mis-asma of distrust of all public speech. Although Volokh leans libertarian, what he foresaw — “the demassification of the mass media” — led him to conclude: “The law of speech is premised on certain (often unspoken) assumptions about the way the speech market operates. If these assumptions aren’t valid for new technologies, the law may have to evolve to reflect the changes.” He warned about what has come about, odious groups cheaply disseminating their views to thousands of the likeminded. Nevertheless, he stressed the danger of letting “government inter-

vene when it thinks it has found ‘market failure.’” Now, Richard L. Hasen of the University of California, Irvine offers a commentary on Volokh, “Cheap Speech and What It Has Done (to American Democracy),” forthcoming in the *First Amendment Law Review*. Hasen, no libertarian, supports campaign-spending regulations whereby government limits the quantity of campaign speech that can be disseminated. Given, however, that “in place of media scarcity, we now have a media fire-hose,” such regula-

tions are of diminished importance. As, Hasen says, using the internet to tap small donors has “a democratizing and equalizing effect.”

But, he correctly says, cheap speech is reducing the relevance of political parties and newspapers as intermediaries between candidates and voters, which empowers demagogues. Voters are directly delivered falsehoods such as the 2016 story of Pope Francis’ endorsement of Donald Trump, which Hasen says “had 960,000 Facebook engagements.” He cites a study reporting approximately three times more pro-Trump than pro-Hillary Clinton fake news stories, with the former having four times more Facebook shares than the latter.

Hasen says that during the 2016 election, digital advertising revenue reached \$1.4 billion, a 789 percent increase over the 2012 campaign, with Facebook and Google receiving 85 percent of it. Courts have rejected the idea of government bodies declaring campaign statements lies; besides, as Hasen delicately says, this is “an era of demagoguery and disinformation emanating from the highest levels of government.” But because “counterspeech” might be insufficient “to deal with the flood of bot-driven fake news,” Hasen thinks courts should not construe the First Amendment as prohibiting laws requiring “social media and search companies such as Facebook and Google to provide certain information to let consumers judge the veracity of posted materials.”

Hasen errs. Such laws, written by incumbent legislators, inevitably will be infected with partisanship. Also, his progressive faith in the fiction of disinterested government causes him to propose “government subsidizing investigative journalism” — putting investigators of government on its payroll.

The most urgent debate concerns the First Amendment implications of regulating foreign money that is insinuated into campaigns. This debate will commence when Robert Mueller reports.

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## COMMENTARY

# Of thee they sing with feeling

I’ve been riding around the country on a bus for six weeks, doing a dog-and-pony show that, among many other things, included me walking into the crowd and humming a note and the audience singing, a capella, “My country, ’tis of thee, sweet land of liberty” and singing very well, sometimes awfully well, and if so, we swung into “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” “Love Me Tender” and two verses of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” including the one about sounding forth a trumpet and the jubilant feet. People had paid \$40 to



**Garrison Keillor**

see the show, but they were not disappointed to be the show. It was a beautiful thing.

In Baltimore, at an open pavilion in the Inner Harbor, not far from where Francis Scott Key wrote the words, a couple thousand people stood and sang the national anthem in the key of A, with gusto, the sopranos floating up high over “O’er the land of the free.” Everyone knew it except a few teenagers who Googled the lyrics on their iPhones.

I didn’t need to wave my hands or sing loud — I sang a quiet low bass. The crowd was astonished by how good they sounded, no help from me. People who were too cool to sing were prodded by spouses and got into the spirit of it. The tone-deaf hummed quietly.

What was surprising was the emotion in the crowd. They felt a naked love of country without anybody telling them to. You don’t get this from wearing a flag pin on your lapel, but when you stand in a crowd and sing about the purple mountains and the buffalo roaming and grace that taught my heart to fear and the Red River Valley, roses loving sunshine, singing in the rain and the bright golden haze in the meadow, it does

... when you stand in a crowd and sing about the purple mountains and the buffalo roaming and grace that taught my heart to fear and the Red River Valley, roses loving sunshine, singing in the rain and the bright golden haze in the meadow, it does pull people together no matter how they feel about the Second Amendment.

pull people together no matter how they feel about the Second Amendment.

In years to come, this will be gone. We won’t know the words anymore. My daughter’s 2nd-grade teacher, Mrs. Ammundson, began each school day with a medley of patriotic tunes, and the kids loved it. That was rare back then and is even rarer now. So the common hymns will simply vanish except among us geezers with our ruined voices. Young people will walk around in the bubble of headphones listening to Etoain & The Shrdlus and their anthems of alienation and wondering why they feel lousy.

The flag is the flag and hurray for it, but the sight of it is not so moving as being in a crowd singing about the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air.

History tells us that when the British attacked Fort McHenry in 1814, they were quite justified. American pirates had operated out of Baltimore Harbor to prey on British cargo ships. The bombardment was their tit for our tat. Mr. Key wrote his lines in a fever of righteousness hardly supported by the facts. But over the years, it has become our song, and if we let it become a showpiece for pop singers and ballpark organists, we will lose something precious forever.

The Pledge of Allegiance is a mystery to me, promising fealty to a piece of cloth — and “to the republic for which it stands” — what

does that mean? Am I granting my support of gerrymandering, suppression of voting, rivers of campaign cash to buy time on the airwaves that belong to the people? I said the pledge in grade school. I don’t say it anymore. You can’t make me. But I love to sing about the dawn’s early light and the broad stripes and bright stars when I am standing next to other people who are singing it too. I would sing it with the same pleasure if I were standing between Attorney General Sessions and Mr. LaPierre of the NRA. It’s not about them or me, it’s about all of us and our survival.

I went to church in San Francisco on Sunday, and the closing hymn was the one about grace, how sweet the sound, that everyone and their cousin knows. If you put truth serum in the communion wafer, you might be surprised at the diversity of theological opinion in the pews, but the hymn was there to lace us all back together. My feeling after 28 “My country, ’tis of thee” renditions is that people are longing for that. Enough of the showman. It’s time for some competence in behalf of the common good.

*Garrison Keillor is an author and radio humorist whose Post columns began in 2016, after he left his radio show, “A Prairie Home Companion.” He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.*

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**Paxville Community Development Corp. (PCDC) will hold a family fun festival** from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at PCDC Community Center, 10183 Lewis Road, Paxville. This event will feature food, music and games. Bring your own chairs. No coolers or alcohol allowed. Call James Zeigler at (803) 452-5805 or (803) 464-3487.

**A picnic in the park with live entertainment** will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the North HOPE Center Park, 904 N. Main St. Sponsored by the James R. Clark Memorial Foundation Sickle Cell clients, this event is being held in recognition of Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 will hold its harvest ball meeting** 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 310 Palmetto St. Call (803) 469-7133.

**The Scotts Branch High School Alumni Association** will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Eagles Nest in Summerton (old district office on Larry King Highway). Your support and help are needed for a major project planned for the near future. Call Eliza at (803) 460-1726 or Robert at (803) 225-4085.

**The Sumter Branch NAACP** will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Rafting Creek Baptist Church, 3860 S.C. 261 North, Rembert. The public is invited to attend.

**VFW Post 10813 will hold its "4th Sunday Wine & Cheese Affair"** from 5 to 9 p.m. at 610 Manning Ave.

**The Westside Neighborhood Association** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, at the Birnie HOPE Center, 210

S. Purdy St. Sumter County Council Chairman Jim McCain will give an update on the county and Penny for Progress updates. Contact Jim McCain at (678) 429-8150 or [jtmccain@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtmccain@bellsouth.net).

**The Disabled American Veterans Gamecock Chapter 5** will hold their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 18 Hardpack Road, off of Peach Orchard Road.

**The SCEA-R monthly membership meeting** will be held at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the North HOPE Center. A membership party, compliments of the state SCEA-R, will be held.

**The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 5 will hold a pancake dinner** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, at the DAV building, 18 Hardpack Road, off of Peach Orchard Road. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased at the door.

**The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina** will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Guest speaker will be Wendy O'Steen, nurse educator with Vanda Pharmaceuticals of Washington, D.C., which specializes in the circadian rhythm disorder Non-24. Visit the chapter's booth at the Sumter County Fair. October is blind awareness month. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or [debra.canty@frontier.com](mailto:debra.canty@frontier.com). Donations are welcome and can be mailed to NFB Sumter Chapter, P.O. Box 641, Sumter, SC 29151.

**The Mayesville Area Community Coalition will celebrate its 10th breast cancer awareness celebration** on Saturday, Oct. 14, with a breast cancer walk and banquet. Sign in for the walk will be held at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mark UM Church, Mayesville, with the walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Mary McLeod Bethune Nature Trail. The banquet will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Rest Apostolic Church, Mayesville. Cost is \$10 per person. Call Katherina Carolina at (803) 453-5974, Neola Davis at (803) 453-6078, Margie Jefferson at (803) 453-5441 or Jessie Washington at (803) 795-9343.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunshine, a t-storm in spots	A thunderstorm in spots early	T-storms possible in the a.m.	Partly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and warm	Warm with clouds and sun
91°	68°	88° / 65°	89° / 64°	87° / 65°	88° / 67°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 20%
ENE 4-8 mph	SSE 2-4 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	NE 6-12 mph	NNE 6-12 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

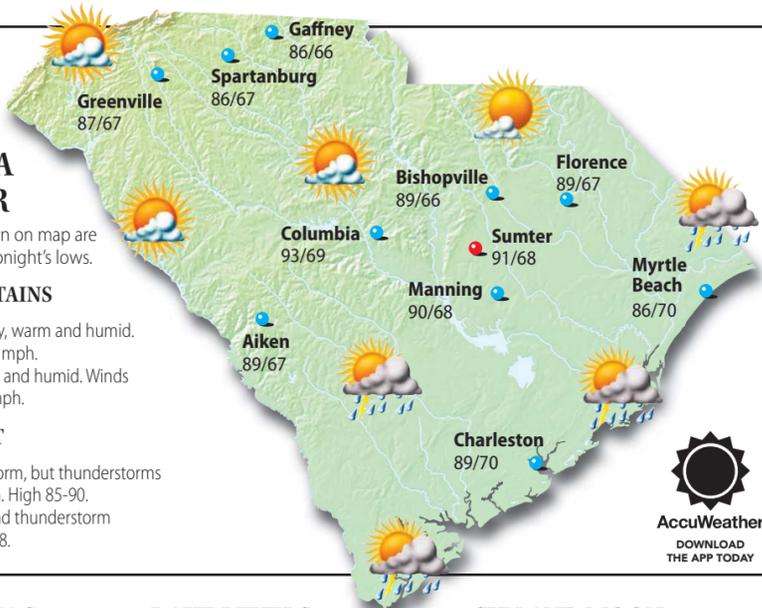
**Today:** Mostly sunny, warm and humid. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny and humid. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** A thunderstorm, but thunderstorms possible in the south. High 85-90.

**Friday:** A shower and thunderstorm around. High 83 to 88.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	89°	68°	83°	61°	98° in 1954	46° in 1981

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	3.26"	2.62"	30.83"	38.73"	36.01"

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.04	-0.03
Marion	76.8	75.53	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	75.36	-0.03
Wateree	100	97.84	-0.01

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.80	+0.07
Congaree River	19	2.90	+0.01
Lynches River	14	6.92	-0.34
Saluda River	14	2.11	-0.04
Up. Santee River	80	76.45	-0.36
Wateree River	24	4.82	-0.01

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	Sunset	7:20 p.m.
Moonrise	8:23 a.m.	Moonset	8:29 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Sep. 27	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:38 a.m.	3.5	5:02 a.m.	0.0
	10:50 p.m.	3.4	5:25 p.m.	0.0
Fri.	11:22 a.m.	3.5	5:44 p.m.	0.1
	11:30 p.m.	3.3	6:10 p.m.	0.2

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	89/70/pc	85/69/pc
Chicago	93/71/s	92/69/s
Dallas	96/76/pc	94/74/pc
Detroit	85/66/pc	86/62/s
Houston	91/73/pc	91/73/s
Los Angeles	73/61/pc	74/59/s
New Orleans	89/75/t	90/73/pc
New York	82/66/pc	78/64/pc
Orlando	89/73/pc	85/73/pc
Philadelphia	86/66/s	81/65/pc
Phoenix	98/72/s	90/66/s
San Francisco	73/60/s	71/56/s
Wash., DC	86/68/s	85/65/s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	82/60/s	81/58/pc	Florence	89/67/s	86/65/pc
Athens	89/66/pc	85/64/pc	Gainesville	89/68/t	88/71/pc
Augusta	93/68/pc	90/65/pc	Gastonia	87/67/s	85/63/pc
Beaufort	90/71/t	88/71/pc	Goldboro	89/68/t	86/65/s
Cape Hatteras	83/70/s	81/69/s	Goose Creek	89/70/t	84/68/pc
Charleston	89/70/t	86/70/pc	Greensboro	85/65/s	84/63/s
Charlotte	87/66/s	87/64/pc	Greenville	87/67/s	84/63/pc
Clemson	89/69/s	86/67/pc	Hickory	85/64/s	85/63/s
Columbia	93/69/pc	90/66/pc	Hilton Head	87/72/s	84/70/pc
Darlington	89/67/s	86/64/pc	Jacksonville, FL	89/71/t	86/73/sh
Elizabeth City	86/66/s	85/64/s	La Grange	91/69/pc	88/68/pc
Elizabethtown	89/68/t	85/66/pc	Macon	91/66/pc	89/64/pc
Fayetteville	90/68/t	88/65/pc	Marietta	88/68/pc	85/67/pc
			Marion	84/63/s	82/59/s
			Mt. Pleasant	88/70/s	84/69/pc
			Myrtle Beach	86/70/t	84/68/pc
			Orangeburg	90/68/t	87/66/pc
			Port Royal	88/72/pc	85/71/pc
			Raleigh	87/65/pc	86/62/s
			Rock Hill	87/66/pc	86/63/pc
			Rockingham	89/67/s	86/64/pc
			Savannah	91/70/t	89/70/pc
			Spartanburg	86/67/s	84/64/pc
			Summerville	88/69/t	84/67/pc
			Wilmington	88/68/t	85/66/pc
			Winston-Salem	84/64/s	84/62/s

# PUBLIC AGENDA

**CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION**  
Today, 5:30 p.m., 506 N. Guignard Drive, building M500, second floor, president's conference room

**CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3**  
Today, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

## The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Emotions will have to be grounded if

you want to avoid getting into a situation that can affect your reputation or status. Look for opportunities that arise due to the hard work and dedication you put into your pursuits.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Business or personal trips will be enlightening. The information you gather and the people you encounter along the way will encourage you to make changes to the way you move forward. Physical changes will make you feel good. Romance is highlighted.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Work with people you look up to and who have something to offer you in return. Getting ahead will be based on how well you recognize an opportunity when it comes along and how you take advantage of what's offered.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Share your thoughts, but be willing to accept the response you get in return. Everyone is entitled to an opinion, and accepting and respecting others' points of view will give you greater freedom to think and do as you please.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Greater involvement in activities that include relatives or friends will lead to projects that you can work on as a team. Suggestions someone offers will change the way you choose to move forward. Live in the moment.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stand your ground if someone tries to talk you into something expensive or unnecessary. The past will come back to haunt you if you are easily swayed or agree to something just because you want to fit in.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Choose your words wisely when dealing with partners or those who can make a difference to the outcome of something you want to pursue. Arguing will not help you get your way, but friendly persuasion or offering an incentive will.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be cautious when dealing with a fast talker. Get the lowdown before you agree to be involved in something you know little about. Someone's charm will not be enough to bank your life savings on. Do your own thing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Choose to make self-improvements. What you do to satisfy your dreams, hopes and aspirations will make a difference to the way others treat you. Do your homework before you put your plans into motion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Back away from anything that appears to be overly expensive or impractical. Look for the best way to spend your time and your money. If someone is persistent, make your position clear. Play it safe and stay focused on your plans.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good fortune is within reach. Look at the opportunities that interest you and take a leap of faith. Trust in your ability to incorporate something you enjoy doing into your daily routine. Live healthy and work hard.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional issues will escalate rapidly if you jump to conclusions prematurely or make rash decisions that affect the ones you love. Take a step back and consider the consequences of your actions before you take on a new challenge.

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# PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Hal Gonzales comments on his photo collage submission, "The latest Sumter craze is to decorate rocks and hide them around town."

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PREP FOOTBALL



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Manning's Dominique Pringle (44) pursues Crestwood ball carrier Tyrese Felder while the Knights' Joshua Goodman supplies a block during Crestwood's 21-20 loss to Manning on Sep. 8. Crestwood will host 1A powerhouse Lamar tonight at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Knights set to host top 1A team in state in undefeated Lamar

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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Homecoming for Crestwood High School is Friday, and that normally means a team will schedule a lesser-esteemed opponent, perhaps from a lower classification, to serve as the feast for the enjoyment of the alumni.

Crestwood, however, wound up looking at perennial 1A powerhouse Lamar on its homecoming schedule,

and will be looking to avoid a second straight loss to the squad from just across the Darlington County line. The game is set for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell.

The Silver Foxes are 5-0 on the season and have yet to face a difficult test, winning by an average margin of more than 36 points. Last season, Lamar invaded the Knights' home turf and left with a 35-21 win en route to a

spot in the SCHSL 1A state title game against eventual champion Lake View.

For its part, Crestwood got back on the winning track last week with a 38-6 victory over Marion; but the Knights' season has been a roller-coaster affair all year, unable to string together consecutive wins but also avoiding consecutive losses. Crestwood head coach Roosevelt Nelson knows his team is going to have to have an outstanding game to avoid a

similar result to last year's.

"We've definitely got to play a better game for four quarters," said Nelson, whose team stands at 3-2. "On the defensive side of the ball, we've got to do a good job getting our right run-pitch and having our eyes in the right place when it's play-action pass and getting off the field on third down.

"Offensively, we've got to be able to

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COMMENTARY

## Way USC lost is reason for unhappiness

Venture back one month in your minds, Gamecock Nation, before the start of the University of South Carolina's football season. Would you have taken a 2-1 start based on what you knew about the Gamecocks and the fact they were playing a neutral site game against North Carolina State, a road game against Missouri and a home game against Kentucky? Of course you would have.

Then why is there all of this hullabaloo about the 23-13 loss to the Wildcats on Saturday? USC is still 2-1 heading into Saturday's home contest against Louisiana Tech, right where almost everyone said they would be happy.

I know; it's because of the way it went down. Carolina scored on the first play from scrimmage, then came up with turnovers inside the



J.B. BRUNSON/SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

South Carolina running back Ty'Son Williams (27) swings out of the backfield on a pass route while quarterback Jake Bentley (19) looks down the field in the Gamecocks' 23-13 loss to Kentucky on Saturday in Columbia. Williams had no carries for the second time in three games, one of many questionable decisions made by the USC coaching staff.

UK 40-yard line on its first two possessions. However, no points came out of that, there were three missed field goal attempts, a missed extra point and numerous missed tackles

and penalties at the worst possible times. Other than that, everything went fine for South Carolina.

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Dennis Brunson

PREP FOOTBALL

## District apologizes, defends changing game time, location over fire ant beds

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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Lee County School District apologized to supporters of the Lee Central High School football team who were set to watch the Stallions' home game against Buford on Saturday when game officials postponed it due to several fire ant beds on the field, according to a press release sent out on Wednesday.

"We apologize to our fans who were assembled and prepared to watch the game on Saturday," the release said.

The game was eventually played on Monday at the Buford High field in Lancaster. Buford won the game 28-27.

The release said that at approximately 11:45 a.m. game officials notified Lee County School District athletic director James Price that the 12:30 p.m. game not be played on the Stallion Stadium field because he deemed it unsafe due to the fire ant beds.

The district administration was notified of the decision and given a report that there were only three active beds on the field.

The school district defended itself in the release, saying, "We treat our fields weekly and conduct a pre-game walk-through the day prior to each game. Additionally, our junior varsity team played a game on the same field on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, and held practice on the field on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017."

The release said the school district considered moving the game to another local site, but was told by South Carolina High School League it couldn't move a game to an alternate site on such notice not knowing whether the site met the expectations of the SCHSL. Making such a move could have placed the district "could have been placed in a precarious situation."

The game was subsequently moved to the Buford field based upon a decision made by Region IV-2A schools, of which both Lee Central and Buford are members.

CLEMSON FOOTBALL

## Clemson, Virginia Tech off to strong starts with new QBs

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) throws a pass against Auburn during the first half of the Tigers' 14-6 win over the SEC opponent in Clemson.

AP FILE PHOTO



BY JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON— Not every school can be like No. 2 Clemson, which is going for a second straight national championship despite replacing two-time Heisman Trophy finalist Deshaun Watson at quarterback.

Across the Atlantic Coast Conference, schools are struggling with new QBs — some freshmen or sophomores, others upper-classman playing for the first time. Clemson (3-0, 1-0 ACC) has had success with junior Kelly Bryant, and No. 13 Virginia Tech

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run the ball and catch it and hold on to it," he said. "That's going to be tough because Lamar is a good team, undefeated, and the No. 1 team in 1A. They're probably a top-10 team regardless of classification in the state, so we've got a tall task. But it all starts with having a physical mentality when we get on the field and block and tackle."

Nelson said Lamar took advantage of his team's mistakes in last year's game and avoiding those is key to success.

"It only takes one person to not be in their gap, or have their eyes in the right place or not make the right key read and it's a touch-down or either a big play for them defensively," Nelson said. "We've got to be sound in everything we do."

Nelson said there's nothing simple about the attack Lamar brings to the field -- as is sometimes the case with teams from smaller schools.

"They're going to attack you north and south, east and west and take their shots over the top, so they're going to make you cover the entire field," he said. "You're going to get some wing-T, some pistol, some spread, jet sweeps. At the end of the day, they're trying to get good angles on you and out-leverage you. Nothing matters for the three or four seconds a play takes place except your key. That's all that matters."

Nelson said he was happy to see his team have more success running the ball in last week's win over Marion.

"We're making a step in the right direction," Nelson said. "I was pleased last week, offensively, to be able to get the running game going, although it still wasn't perfect. Defensively, we were able to execute on third down and stop the run, and we're going to definitely need that to carry over this week. On special teams, we blocked a punt and were able to get some good returns. All those things are important for us to execute well on Friday."

## PREP SCHEDULE

### TODAY

#### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Lee Central at Central, 5 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Green Sea-Floyds, 5 p.m.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Crestwood at Lamar, 6 p.m.  
Lakewood at Wade Hampton (Hampton), 6:30 p.m.  
Chesterfield at Lee Central, 6 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at Wilson Hall, 7 p.m.  
Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### B TEAM FOOTBALL

Lake View at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Alice Drive at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.  
Furman at Bates, 5 p.m.  
Chestnut Oaks at Manning, 5 p.m.  
Mayewood at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.  
Calhoun Academy at Thomas Sumter, 6 p.m.

#### VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

Lugoff-Elgin, Camden at Sumter (at Beech Creek Golf Club), 4:30 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4 p.m.

#### VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

South Florence at Sumter, 5 p.m.  
Green Sea-Floyds at East Clarendon, 5 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

Pee Dee at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.  
Orangeburg Prep at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.

#### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Hartsville at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
Creek Bridge at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.

#### VARSITY AND JV VOLLEYBALL

South Florence at Sumter, 6 p.m.  
Lakewood at Lugoff-Elgin, 5:30 p.m.  
Chesterfield at Lee Central, 5 p.m.

Wilson Hall at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.  
Orangeburg Prep at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.  
Patrick Henry at Clarendon Hall, 5 p.m.

#### B TEAM VOLLEYBALL

Robert E. Lee, Holly Hill at Westside Christian, 6 p.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Alice Drive at Hillcrest (DH), 5 p.m.  
Bates at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.  
Chestnut Oaks at Mayewood, 5 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

##### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Lamar at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.  
Wade Hampton at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.  
May River at Manning, 7:30 p.m.  
Lee Central at Chesterfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Timmonsville at Scott's Branch, 7:30 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.  
Richard Winn at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.

##### VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Legacy Christian at Sumter Christian, 5 p.m.

##### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Legacy Christian at Sumter Christian, 5 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

##### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Sumter in Pee Dee Classic (at Freedom Florence), 9 a.m.  
Lakewood in Assist w/Color Run (at Lakewood), 10 a.m.

##### VARSITY AND JV EQUESTRIAN

Wilson Hall in Interscholastic Equestrian Association Competition (at Tally Ho Equestrian Center in Timmonsville), TBA

##### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Sumter, Robert E. Lee in North Central Invitational, TBA

## USC FROM PAGE B1

It was just a very odd game for the Gamecocks, which always seems to be the case when they go up against Kentucky. For whatever reason, USC seems to play a stinker of a game against the Wildcats, but now much of that has to be attributed to UK. Four wins in a row is a pattern, not a trend.

Carolina head coach Will Muschamp said in his Tuesday press conference that he didn't think his players were flat or didn't play with a lot of effort. I agree; I think they were outplayed, but they certainly didn't roll over. South Carolina was definitely outcoached, which was the bigger problem.

It all starts with the running game. Muschamp knew what was coming on Tuesday because he came with the number of plays that each of the three Gamecock running backs were in on Saturday. For the record, Rico Dowdle was in for 27 plays, former Crestwood High School standout Ty'Son Williams for 21 and A.J. Turner for 11.

For the record, I don't care. The one number I do care about is that Williams had no carries for the second time in three games. Muschamp said following the game that USC just couldn't run the ball. No, Dowdle nor Turner couldn't run the ball. We don't know about Williams.

What we do know is that in the first two games the only one of the trio to run the ball effectively was Williams, going for 78 yards on 14

carries against Missouri. Would Kentucky have stuffed Williams as well? We'll never know because he didn't carry the ball once.

I'm not trying to be a homer, but somehow I think Williams would have gotten one yards on two carries like Turner had the opportunity to do but failed, especially if quarterback Jake Bentley would have been up under center with a fullback and possibly another back lined between him and the deep back. Oh, that didn't happen? Another big coaching error then.

The fact that USC had running backs carry the football just 13 times is another problem. Sometimes you have to let the running game develop in a game and it wasn't given a chance to on Saturday, no matter who carried the ball.

Defensively, the Gamecocks seemed to lose all aggressiveness after the first two drives. They were content to let Kentucky dink and dunk its way down the field running the ball and with short passes, and the Wildcats were more than willing to take it. At some point, one would have thought Carolina would have tried to take the underneath passes away and dare UK to beat it deep. It may have done so, but again you'll never know.

Despite the injury to Deebo Samuel, there is still a chance for USC to have a more-than-respectable season. Regardless of what happens the rest of the way though, the hurt and irritation from this game will be around all season.

## AREA ROUNDUP

# Wilson Hall tennis tops Pee Dee, stays unbeaten

Wilson Hall's varsity girls tennis team improved to 8-0 with a 7-2 victory over Pee Dee Academy on Wednesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

The Lady Barons will travel to Florence Christian today.

#### SINGLES

1 — Guldán (WH) defeated Webster 6-0, 6-1.  
2 — E. Beasley (WH) defeated Smoak 6-2, 6-0.  
3 — Davis (WH) defeated Waters 6-0, 6-0.  
4 — Allred (WH) defeated Hamilton 6-1, 6-0.  
5 — Lane (PD) defeated Singleton.  
6 — Areford (WH) defeated Woodlee 6-4, 6-1.

#### DOUBLES

1 — E. Beasley/Davis (WH) defeated Webster/Smoak 8-0.  
2 — Guldán/Allred (WH) defeated Smoak/Lane 8-1.  
3 — Hamilton/Baxley (PD) defeated Areford/Singleton, WD

#### CONWAY 6-6

#### SUMTER 1-2

CONWAY — Sumter High School dropped a pair of matches to Conway on Tuesday at the CHS courts.

Conway won the first match 6-1 and the second 6-2.

#### FIRST MATCH

##### SINGLES

1 — Whitney Crawford (S) defeated Maggie Gore 6-0, 6-1.  
2 — Savannah Stevens (C) defeated Lindsey Smutz 6-1, 6-0.  
3 — Claire Hamilton (C) defeated Jordan Shuping 6-3, 6-2.  
4 — Hannah Norris (C) defeated Rita Alan 6-3, 6-4.  
5 — Anna-Grace Young (C) defeated Windsor Pittman 6-3, 7-5.

##### DOUBLES

1 — Did not play.  
2 — Elena Hernandez/Landry Harrelson (C) defeated Carmen Carrigan/Rachel Quesenberry 6-3, 7-5.

#### SECOND MATCH

##### SINGLES

1 — Crawford (S) defeated Gore 6-3, 6-3.  
2 — Stevens (C) defeated Smutz 6-0, 6-0.  
3 — Hamilton (C) defeated Shuping 6-4, 6-3.  
4 — Norris (C) defeated Alan 6-4, 6-3.  
5 — Pittman (S) defeated Young 5-7, 7-5, 13-11.

##### DOUBLES

1 — Did not play.  
2 — Hernandez/Harrelson (C) defeated Carrigan/Quesenberry 6-4, 6-3.

#### LAURENCE MANNING 8

#### FLORENCE CHRISTIAN 1

Laurence Manning Academy earned an 8-1 victory over Florence Christian School on Tuesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

##### SINGLES

1 — Mason Ham (LMA) defeated Thomson 5-7, 7-6 (3), 10-3.  
2 — Wood (FCS) defeated Rickenbaker 6-4, 6-0.  
3 — Madison Ham (LMA) defeated Aikens 6-0, 6-1.  
4 — Tsukalas (LMA) defeated Sawyer 6-2, 6-1.  
5 — Burns (LMA) defeated Odom 6-2, 6-2.  
6 — Mack (LMA) defeated Canavath 6-1, 6-2.

##### DOUBLES

1 — Rickenbaker/Burns (LMA) won 8-1.  
2 — Madison Ham/Tsukalas (LMA) defeated Aikens/Sawyer 8-3.  
3 — Mack/Johnson (LMA) defeated Odom/Brunson 8-1.

## VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

### BARONS PLACE 5TH AT HOME MEET

Wilson Hall's boys cross country team finished in fifth place out of twelve schools at the Wilson Hall Invitational at Patriot Park on Wednesday.

Laurence Manning finished ninth while the race was won by Ben Lippen.

Bryce Lyles led the Barons, finishing second overall. Behind Lyles, Layton Creech was 16th; Matthew Taveraz 21st; Matthew Blankenship 31st and Drew Davis 34th.

In the girls race, Wilson Hall took four of the top nine places, led by Kirsten Fisher who won the race in a time of 20:54. Molly Moss was fourth overall; Margaret Briggs Kelly fifth and Emily Reynolds ninth.

The Lady Barons did not have the necessary five runners in the race to qualify in the team scoring. Ben Lippen won the girl's race while Laurence Manning finished third.

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

### THOMAS SUMTER 3

### NORTHSIDE ACADEMY 0

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter remained unbeaten on the season with a 3-0 victory over Northside Academy on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium.

The Lady Generals won by scores of 25-16, 25-11 and 25-10.

Anita Cookey-Gam led TSA with

19 kills. Taja Hunley added 10 and Karleigh Young had six.

Sydney Daniel set for 17 assists and Josie Reed for 12 while Diamond Gibson finished with 15 digs.

### WILSON HALL 3

### LAURENCE MANNING 1

MANNING — Wilson Hall defeated Laurence Manning Academy 3-1 on Tuesday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium by scores of 25-10, 25-12, 20-25 and 25-12.

Kayla Acord had one dig and four service points. Trinity Harrington had two kills and one point and Madilyn Richburg had four points. Perry Lee Love Hicks finished with nine points and two aces while Mary Claire Lee had three points.

LMA falls to 0-6 and will host Orangeburg Prep today.

### JEFFERSON DAVIS 3

### CLARENDON HALL 2

BLACKVILLE — Clarendon Hall fell to Jefferson Davis Academy 3-2 on Tuesday at the JDA gymnasium.

The Lady Raiders won by scores of 17-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19 and 17-15.

The Lady Saints, who are now 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the region, were led by Madison Kidd with 24 service points. Brynne Baxley had 23 points and Mallory McIntosh had 19 with four aces.

## JV VOLLEYBALL

### THOMAS SUMTER 2

### NORTHSIDE ACADEMY 0

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy defeated Northside Academy 2-0 on Tuesday by scores of 25-23 and 25-13 at Edens Gymnasium.

Lindsay Daniel led the Lady Generals with five aces and five kills. Maci Willetts added three kills and fifth-grader Reese Distelzweig had her first kill of the season.

### CLARENDON HALL 2

### JEFFERSON DAVIS 0

BLACKVILLE — The JV Lady Saints improved to 8-0 on the season with a 2-0 sweep of Jefferson Davis Academy on Tuesday at the JDA gymnasium by scores of 25-15 and 25-14.

Clarendon Hall was led by Amberly Way with 19 service points. Aubrey Edward and Hadleigh McIntosh each had eight points and Maleigh Cline finished with seven.

### WILSON HALL 2

### LAURENCE MANNING 0

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy was swept 2-0 by Wilson Hall on Tuesday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium by scores of 26-24 and 25-8.

Kinsey Bjork had two service points for the Lady Swampcats. Kelsie Austin had three points and two aces. Brooke Thompson had eight points and three aces while Malorie Spiegel finished with one point.

## JV TENNIS

### LAURENCE MANNING 8

### MANNING JV 2

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy defeated Manning High's JV squad 8-2 on Tuesday at the MHS courts.

The match was an abbreviated 8-game pro set and featured each LMA singles player facing off against two MHS opponents in the same set as well as each doubles team facing a pair of different opponents as well.

##### SINGLES

1 — South (LMA) defeated Weeks/ Failmetzger 8-1.  
2 — Shirley (LMA) defeated Anderson/Darby 8-0.  
3 — Lee (LMA) defeated Owens/Johnson 8-3.  
4 — Turner (LMA) defeated Holladay/Fralix 8-2.  
5 — Dunlap (LMA) defeated Cousar/Ellis 8-6.  
6 — Laney/Griffin (M) defeated Johnson 8-3.  
7 — Mallette/Robinson (M) defeated DeV Vaughn 8-6.

##### DOUBLES

1 — South/Shirley (LMA) defeated Vicente/Gunter/Weeks/Failmetzger 8-2.  
2 — Lee/Turner (LMA) defeated Ashman/Jones/Dozier/Laney 8-1.  
3 — Dunlap/DeVaughn (LMA) defeated Hilton/Lewis/Baltzega/White 8-0.

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(3-0) is rolling behind redshirt freshman Josh Jackson.

A handful of other ACC teams are still figuring things out.

"We knew we had an opportunity to pick up where we left off," Clemson co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said. "Obviously, there were questions on Kelly, how's he going to perform under the lights. And I think he's exceeded a lot of expectations and he's going

to continue to get better."

Bryant has passed for 733 yards, with two touchdowns and one interception in parts of three games. The cousin of former Clemson and current Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Martavis Bryant has also run for 162 yards and five scores.

At Virginia Tech, Jackson threw for 235 yards and ran for 101 more in his debut against West Virginia, then led the Hokies in a shutout of Delaware. On Saturday, he threw for 372 yards and five touchdowns — four in the

third quarter alone — to beat East Carolina 64-17 for Tech's first 3-0 start since 2011.

"I'm just getting used to it," Jackson said. "I'm three games in, so I'm just trying to get more confident."

Other schools are experiencing more growing pains:

#### FLORIDA STATE

James Blackman will get his first college start this week against North Carolina State after Deondre Francois suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opener against

Alabama. Blackman is only the second true freshman in Florida State (0-1) history to start at quarterback (Chip Ferguson, 1985).

With Irma cancelling the 12th-ranked Seminoles' Sept. 9 game against Louisiana-Monroe and pushing the Miami game until Sept. 16, Blackman has had three weeks to practice against his own defense.

"We go good-on-good against our defense every day," coach Jimbo Fisher said. "That's as good as you're going to go

against anybody in this country, one of them anyway. ... It's game-like situation, which we always do."

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Mitch Trubisky went No. 2 overall in the NFL draft, so the Tar Heels (1-2, 0-1) brought in LSU graduate transfer Brandon Harris. He beat out redshirt freshman Chazz Surratt for the starting job, but two interceptions in the Week 1 loss to California gave Surratt his chance.

# SCOREBOARD

## TV SPORTS

**TODAY**  
**6 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: ATP St. Petersburg Early-Round Matches from St. Petersburg, Russia, and ATP Metz Early-Round Matches from Metz, France (TENNIS).  
**6:30 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Portugal Masters First Round from Vilamoura, Portugal (GOLF).  
**7:30 a.m.** — NHL Preseason Hockey: Los Angeles vs. Vancouver from Shanghai (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11 a.m.** — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour DAP Championship First Round from Beachwood, Ohio (GOLF).  
**11 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: ATP St. Petersburg Early-Round Matches from St. Petersburg, Russia, and ATP Metz Early-Round Matches from Metz, France (TENNIS).  
**1 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Tour Championship First Round from Atlanta (GOLF).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia (MLB NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).  
**6 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Whelen Modified Tour Miller Lite 200 from Riverhead, N.Y. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Minnesota at Detroit (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** — Women's College Soccer: Florida State at Louisville (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**7 p.m.** — Women's College Soccer: Florida at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).  
**7:30 p.m.** — College Football: Temple at South Florida (ESPN).  
**7:30 p.m.** — College Football: South Carolina State at North Carolina Central (ESPNU, WSSB-FM 90.7).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee (MLB NETWORK).  
**8:30 p.m.** — NFL Football: Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco (NFL NETWORK, WNKI-FM 107.5).  
**8:30 p.m.** — Women's College Volleyball: Nevada-Las Vegas at Wyoming (SPECTRUM 1250).

N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	32	66
SOUTH						
Tennessee	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	53	42
Houston	1	1	0	.500	45	44
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	20	38
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	22	62

NORTH						
Baltimore	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	44	10
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	9	33
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	45

WEST						
Denver	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	66	38
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	71	36
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	69	47
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	38	43

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST						
Philadelphia	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	50	44
Washington	1	1	0	.500	36	45
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	13	50

SOUTH						
Atlanta	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	57	40
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	32	6
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	29	7
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	39	65

NORTH						
Detroit	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	59	33
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	38	45
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	40	43
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	24	52

WEST						
Seattle	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	21	26
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	66	36
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	39	48
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	12	35

**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
 L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:25 p.m.

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore vs Jacksonville at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.  
 New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
 Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
 Houston at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
 Oakland at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

### MONDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	87	64	.576	—
New York	85	67	.559	2½
Tampa Bay	73	78	.483	14
Baltimore	73	79	.480	14½
Toronto	71	80	.470	16

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	94	57	.623	—
Minnesota	74	513	.513	16½
Kansas City	77	487	.487	20½
Detroit	62	90	.408	32½
Chicago	60	90	.400	33½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	92	58	.613	—
Los Angeles	76	74	.507	16
Texas	74	76	.493	18
Seattle	74	77	.490	18½
Oakland	69	83	.454	24

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 11, Minnesota 3  
 Oakland 3, Detroit 2  
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.  
 Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland (Salazar 5-6) at L.A. Angels (Bridwell 8-2), 4:07 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Andriese 5-3) at Baltimore (Ynoa 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Vargas 16-10) at Toronto (Happ 9-10), 7:07 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Mejia 4-6) at Detroit (Zimmermann 8-12), 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 2-1) at Houston (Keuchel 13-4), 8:10 p.m.  
 Texas (Hamels 10-4) at Seattle (Paxton 12-4), 10:10 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 Boston at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
 Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	91	59	.607	—
Miami	72	80	.474	20
Atlanta	67	82	.450	23½
New York	65	87	.428	27
Philadelphia	60	91	.397	31½

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	84	66	.560	—
Milwaukee	81	70	.536	3½
St. Louis	78	72	.520	6
Pittsburgh	68	84	.447	17
Cincinnati	66	85	.437	18½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	96	55	.636	—
Arizona	87	65	.572	9½
Colorado	82	70	.539	14½
San Diego	68	83	.450	28
San Francisco	60	93	.392	37

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Miami 9, N.Y. Mets 2  
 San Francisco 4, Colorado 0  
 L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 Washington at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 12-6) at Philadelphia (Leiter Jr. 3-6), 1:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Martinez 11-11) at Cincinnati (Bailey 5-8), 7:10 p.m.  
 Washington (Roark 13-9) at Atlanta (Dickey 9-10), 7:35 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 14-9) at Milwaukee (Davies 17-9), 8:10 p.m.  
 Colorado (Anderson 5-5) at San Diego (Richard 7-14), 10:10 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Boston at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:35 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
 Miami at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
 Colorado at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.  
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

## NFL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	24	21
New England	1	1	0	.500	63	62

## OBITUARIES

### STEPHANIE M. FINK

Stephanie Megan Fink, age 33, died on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of Shirley Ann Delos Santos Fink and the late Donald Robert Fink.



Stephanie was a hometown girl who graduated from Sumter High School in 2002 and from the University of South Carolina at Sumter with an Associate of Science degree.

Stephanie was always happy and never met a stranger. She loved animals, cooking and sports, especially the Gamecocks and Redskins. She adored her family, especially her niece, Emiko, and nephew, Bryson. Like her father, Don, Stephanie had a love and special talent for music. Her infectious personality made her loved by all with whom she came in contact. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her mother, Shirley, she is survived by one brother, Michael Fink and his wife, Jennifer; one nephew, Bryson Fink; one niece, Emiko Fink; fiancée, Ashley Turner; grandfather, Jesus Delos Santos; grandmother, Barbara Fink; special friend, Matthew Underwood; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a grandfather, Lawrence Fink; and grandmother, Tomoko Delos Santos.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday at the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Bullock Funeral Home and other times at the home of her mother, Shirley.

Memorials may be made to St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Foundation, 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Suite 400, Monrovia, CA 91016 or Tracy's Pine Camp, 2031 Crooked Pine Trail, Pinewood, SC 29125.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### THOMAS GATHERS JR.

Thomas Gathers Jr. entered into eternal rest on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Born on Nov. 21, 1934, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Thomas Gathers Sr. and Mary Louise McCaskle Gath-



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ers. Mr. Gathers was educated in the public schools of Sumter. He was a graduate of historic Lincoln High School Class of 1953 and Morgan State University. He also served several years in the U.S. armed forces.

He is survived by two sisters, Mary Gathers Gerard of Wedgefield and Debra Martin of Baltimore; two brothers, Robert Gathers Sr. and Griffin L. Gathers (Lillian), both of Rochester, New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mr. Gathers will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. today for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 130 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Gwendolyn White, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Willie Dennis Sr., eulogist.

Interment will follow at 10 a.m. on Monday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Mary Gathers Gerard, 55 Gloria Drive, Wedgefield.

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

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

### GEORGE W. HICKS SR.

George Washington Hicks Sr., the father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend we loved so deeply, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at his home due to cardiopulmonary arrest.



HICKS

On Feb. 15, 1934, George was born in the Bloomville community of Manning to Allen and Lucille Bradshaw Hicks. As a youngster, farming was his passion, as he lived and worked on the family farm. This would foreshadow his later and greatest career achievement. George received his education in the public schools of Clarendon County. He became a man of tremendous faith as a result of his introduction to the love of Jesus Christ at Holly Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where he was baptized as an adolescent. As an adult, he joined Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church and was ordained as a deacon in 1971. Additionally, George was a member of the largest and oldest fraternity in the world, the Masonic fraternity.

George learned the importance of hard work and persevering by working on his fam-

ily farm. This experience instilled a strong work ethic, which allowed him to excel in life with much success. His first job away from the farm was with Clarendon Memorial Hospital. Due to his love for his country, he then decided to join the United States Army. While in the Army, he was stationed in Seattle, Washington, and Honolulu, Hawaii. After five years of service, he received an honorable discharge. George's employment history included Freeman Mills, South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Sunbeam Plant, where he was employed in 1966. While at Sunbeam as an assembly line worker, his leadership abilities, ambition and strong work ethic were recognized. This led to his promotion as a supervisor, which made him the first African-American supervisor in the plant. He worked in this capacity for 25 years. When the plant closed, it was then that the joy of farming re-claimed him. In 1996, George founded Hicks Farms, a swine and cattle farm, which was one of the largest farms in the state of South Carolina.

In December 1955, George married his high school sweetheart, the love of his life and soulmate, the former Ada Sharps. They shared a love of God, travel, entertaining friends and cooking. Their favorite activity was barbecuing hogs. George was well known for creating tantalizing pork covered with a special Hicks sauce. From this union, four children were born, Janice, Wanda, George Jr. and Melody. George and Ada were parted by death after 43 years of marriage in 1999.

George was a cherished light in the lives of his family. A religious man, he loved fiercely, quailed for nothing, and believed forcefully in the importance of possessing a strong work ethic. The beautiful inspiration of his faith, passion and memories will be treasured by his children, Janice (Ronald) Rivers of Manning, Wanda (Matthew) Drake of Clarksburg, Maryland, George (Daphne) Hicks Jr. of Pinewood and Melody (Torrance) Williams of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, Jessica (Robert) Allen, M.D., of Greenville, North Carolina, Megan Michelle Rivers of Mount Pleasant, Matthew Jamal Drake of Hampton, Virginia, Deanna Ada Hicks of Pinewood and Joshua Brady Williams and Sarah Hailey Williams of Harrisburg; one great-grandson, Robert James Allen III; one sister, Susan Hicks Dunbar of Brooklyn, New York; two brothers, Levan (Genevieve) Hicks of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Isaiah (Hattie) Hicks of Sumter; sisters-in-law, Sylvia Hicks of Milton, Florida, Earlene Hicks of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Inez Sharps, Meredith (Mel-

vin) Benbow and Wilma (Preston) Stukes, all of Manning. His rich legacy will also be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Masonic funeral rites will be held at 6 p.m. today at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr., Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

The eulogist, the Rev. Mitchell Adger, will be assisted by the Rev. George P. Windley Sr. and the Rev. Elizabeth Richburg.

Burial will be at Scarborough Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends from 4 to 7 p.m. at the residence of the deceased, 1429 Candlelight Lane, Pine-wood, to reminisce, pray and fellowship.

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

### KELVIN B. MCKINNEY

RIDGEWAY — Kelvin Bernard McKinney died on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017.

He was a son of Ada Mae Davis McKinney and the late Benjamin "BJ" McKinney.

Funeral services for Mr. McKinney will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 2571

Joseph Lemon & Dingle Road, Manning, with the Rev. Sam Livingston, pastor, officiating, and Evangelist Shirley Waiters, Minister Loretta Briggs, Minister Diane Haynes and Minister Emily Story-Brown assisting. Burial will follow at Antioch Memorial Gardens.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother, 1162 McKinney Road, Manning.

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

### DELORES W. WADDELL

Delores White Waddell, 78, wife of John H. Waddell, died on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017, in Bronx, New York.

She was born in Sumter County to the late Elizabeth White Colclough and Walter Lane.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

### TERRY A. SMITH

Terry A. Smith, 51, was born on Dec. 6, 1965, in Sumter, to the late Joseph Smith and Katie McBride McCray.

He departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, in Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at the chapel of Whites Mortuary.



SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight "The Big Bang Theory" (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Las Vegas Finals Night 2" National finals continue in Las Vegas. (DVS)		Chicago Fire "My Miracle" A warehouse fire puts the team at risk. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Megyn Kelly; Dave Franco; Fergie" Megyn Kelly; Dave Franco; Fergie.				
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	(:31) Mom Christy and Jill take Emily to her mom.	The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	Mom Bonnie gets into trouble with the IRS.	Zoo "The Barrier" (Season Finale) The team must prevent a barrier breach. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Jim Parsons; Tatiana Maslany. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Bed & Breakfast" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Ring of Fire" Meredith has big news for Nathan.		(:01) Scandal "Transfer of Power" Fitz makes unexpected changes.	How to Get Away With Murder "Wes" Wes's killer is finally revealed.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Halle Berry; Al Franken" Halle Berry; Al Franken. (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe Venice, Italy, art and lagoon.	Palmetto Scene Artists in SC.	The Vietnam War "This Is What We Do" American soldiers face ambushes. (N)		The Vietnam War "This Is What We Do" American soldiers face ambushes.		Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Bad Fish Paradigm"	The Big Bang Theory	Gotham "A Dark Knight: Pax Penguin" (Season Premiere) Gordon fears Jonathan Crane is back. (N) (DVS)		(:01) The Orville "About a Girl" The Orville crew faces a moral dilemma. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Home Security"	Last Man Standing Mike establishes strict house rules.	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Monkey Business" Sean-Paul; Jason Andrews; Eric Meade. (N)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Marisol Nichols" (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jillian Michaels"	Bones	Bones	To Be Announced		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>														
A&E	46	130	O.J. Speaks: The Hidden Tapes: The O.J. Simpson civil trial.			O.J.: Guilty in Vegas: O.J. Simpson's armed robbery conviction.			O.J. Speaks: The Hidden Tapes: The O.J. Simpson civil trial.					
AMC	48	180	** "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (2012, Fantasy) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. Bilbo Baggins joins the quest to reclaim a lost kingdom.									** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz.		
ANPL	41	100	Yukon Men "The Black Wolf"	Yukon Men "On Thin Ice"	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)	Yukon Men: Roughing It (N)	Yukon Men "Feast or Famine"	Yukon Men				
BET	61	162	(5:30) ** "The Players Club" (1998, Comedy-Drama) LisaRaye, Bernie Mac.	** "Set It Off" (1996, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox. Desperation drives four women to bank-robbery.							Martin Martin takes an exercise class.	Martin Martin contests a traffic ticket.		
BRAVO	47	181	Flipping Out Jeff and Gage bring baby Monroe home.	Flipping Out "Baby Brain" Jeff refuses to slow down.	Flipping Out "Baby's First Move" Moving day proves difficult. (N)	Flipping Out "Baby's First Move" Moving day proves difficult. (N)	Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce (Season Finale) Phoebe rents out her house. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Flipping Out "Baby's First Move" Moving day proves difficult.					
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Secret Lives				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper				
COM	57	136	(6:50) Tosh.0 "Kayak"	(:25) Tosh.0 "Randain the PAWG"	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 "Tiamat the Dragon"	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Nathan for You Nathan checks in with former guests. (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(12:01) The President Show (N)		
DISN	18	200	K.C. Undercover K.C. and her family go under cover.	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark "Hawkward"	Bizaardvark "In Your Space!"	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	Alaskan Bush People "Raised Wild"	Alaskan Bush			
DSC	42	103	Alaskan Bush People "Bush Code"	Alaskan Bush People "Forging a New Future" Returning the homestead to the bush. (N)										
ESPN	26	35	Countdown	College Football	Temple at South Florida. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter				
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	Morningside 5			SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N)	E:60	SportsCenter	Nación ESPN (N)			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Hearty Party"	Chopped "Chili Cook-Off"	Chopped "Waffles For The Win"	The Five (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped			
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five			
FREE	20	131	(5:15) ** "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010) Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry.	(:20) ** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry.						The 700 Club One Syrian refugee's story.	** "Bewitched" (2005)			
FSS	21	47	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)				Braves Live! Post.	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves.					
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing "Breaking Curfew"	Last Man Standing "Private Coach"	Last Man Standing "The Fight"	Last Man Standing "College Girl"	The Middle "The Clover"	The Middle "The Telling"	The Middle "The Wedding"	The Middle (Part 1 of 2)	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls		
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain	Beach Bargain	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop At	Desert Flippers (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l		
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men "High & Dry"	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded	Mountain Men (Season Finale) Morgan's horses go missing. (N)	Blue Bloods "Little Fish" A high-end escort is murdered.	Blue Bloods "Family Ties" The death of a Russian gangster's son.	Blue Bloods "Hall of Mirrors" A counterterrorism agent gets shot.	(:03) Mountain Men	Blue Bloods A girl is kidnapped.	Mnt. Men			
ION	13	18	Blue Bloods "Re-Do" A Reagan's life is in danger.	Project Runway The Heidi Klum Sleepwear challenge.	Project Runway The designers visit Lyndhurst Castle. (N)	Project Runway "Models Off Duty" Creating a street-style look. (N)	(:33) American Beauty Star Twelve hair and makeup artists compete.	(:33) Project Runway (N)	(:12:02) Project Runway					
LIFE	50	145	Project Runway The Heidi Klum Sleepwear challenge.	Project Runway The designers visit Lyndhurst Castle. (N)	Project Runway "Models Off Duty" Creating a street-style look. (N)	(:33) American Beauty Star Twelve hair and makeup artists compete.	(:33) Project Runway (N)	(:12:02) Project Runway						
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow					
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	I Am Frankie (N)	** "Yogi Bear" (2010) Voice of Dan Aykroyd.	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SPIKE	64	153	Friends The six friends say goodbye.	** "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.			** "Hellboy" (2004, Fantasy) Ron Perlman, John Hurt, Selma Blair.							
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001) Gina Philips, Justin Long.	** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen. An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life. (DVS)			** "Lake Placid" (1999, Horror) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda, Oliver Platt. A monstrous crocodile chomps on villagers in rural Maine.	** "Lake Placid vs. Anaconda" (2015)						
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Nap"	Seinfeld "The Yada Yada"	Seinfeld "The Millennium"	Seinfeld "The Muffin Tops"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Guest Book "Story Nine" (N)	Conan "Jake Gyllenhaal; Max Brooks" Actor Jake Gyllenhaal. (N)	The Guest Book "Story Nine"			
TCM	49	186	(6:15) ** "Soldiers Three" (1951) Stewart Granger, Walter Pidgeon.	** "Monterey Pop" (1969) Scott McKenzie. Premiere. 1967 concert: Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding, Janis Joplin.			** "Dont Look Back" (1967, Documentary) Bob Dylan, Albert Grossman. Premiere. Bob Dylan's 1965 British tour, with Joan Baez and Donovan.	(:45) ** "Gimme Shelter" (1970) Mick Jagger, Keith Richards.						
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life "Lupe's Story" Lupe makes a potential lifesaving move.	** "Red 2" (2013, Action) Bruce Willis, John Malkovich, Mary-Louise Parker. Retired operatives return to retrieve a lethal device. (DVS)			(:02) My 600-Lb. Life "Tanisha's Story" Tanisha wants to survive for her kids.	(:02) My 600-Lb. Life "Lupe's Story"						
TNT	23	158	Bones "Bones on the Blue Line" Partially skeletalized body is found.	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers		
TRUTV	38	129	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens		
USA	25	132	NCIS "Ignition" A Navy pilot is found dead. (DVS)	NCIS "Pay to Play" Threats emerge against a congresswoman.	NCIS "Willoughby" An undercover operation is compromised. (DVS)		NCIS "Off the Grid" Gibbs probes an anti-government militia. (DVS)	The Sinner "Part VIII" Cora's fate is determined. (DVS)	Driven to Love (Season Finale) (N)	Gr. Hip Hop				
WE	68	166	(6:50) Growing Up Hip Hop	(7:49) Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop				
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		

# 'Gotham' returns with move to Thursday nights

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Fox becomes the first network to debut its new Thursday night lineup. They are clearly aiming for men who have not given up their comic books and "Star Trek" obsessions.

"Gotham" (8 p.m., TV-14) returns for its fourth season. Evidence of the Scarecrow leads Gordon (Ben McKenzie) to fear that Jonathan Crane (Charlie Tahan) is back in town. "Gotham" really keeps the dark in the "Dark Knight" saga. Almost every scene is set in some gloomy replica of a Victorian mansion, or in a dimly lit alley on the wrong side of town. For sunnier DC Comics fantasies, stick to the CW's "Supergirl" or "The Flash."

After premiering on Sundays, "The Orville" (9 p.m., TV-14) debuts at its regularly scheduled time. Despite rather tepid reviews, the Seth MacFarlane-created series debuted to relatively strong ratings.

Many saw this as a vanity project for the "Family Guy" creator, and others (myself included) seemed confused about its tone. Is it a solemn homage to Gene Roddenberry's series or a vehicle for adolescent gags?

If tonight's episode is any indication, the jokes take a back seat to a conversation about understanding, and perhaps accepting, cultures not your own. The head-scratching begins when ship officers Bortus and Klyden have a baby, and it's a girl. This is a rarity for their all-male species, and they want Dr. Finn (Penny Johnson Jerald) to perform an operation that will "normalize" their offspring.

Just to ensure that things don't get too serious, a blobby little creature makes a pass at Dr. Finn, allowing MacFarlane to include an intergalactic penis joke that any 10-year-old would appreciate.

To understand "The Orville," it's perhaps best to remember that MacFarlane was also behind Fox's 2014 reboot of "Cosmos." So the series falls somewhere on the continuum between Stewie and Quagmire and Carl Sagan and Neil deGrasse Tyson.

• Acorn streams the first two episodes of the long-awaited eighth season of "Doc Martin."

## TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• President Johnson increases troop strength and assures the public that victory is imminent on part five of "The Vietnam War" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-MA, check local listings).

• The San Francisco 49ers host the Los Angeles Rams in "Thursday Night Football" (8:20 p.m., NFL). CBS begins broadcasting Thursday night games next week.

• Models inspire on "Project Runway" (9 p.m., Lifetime, TV-PG).

• "O.J.: Guilty in Vegas" (9 p.m., A&E, TV-14) recalls the peculiar details of a sports memorabilia robbery that put the accused murderer behind bars.

• The transfer of power becomes anything but orderly on "Scandal" (9 p.m. ABC, r, TV-14).

• The team battles to keep the hybrids at bay on the season finale of "Zoo" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

• A warehouse blaze proves hard to control on "Chicago Fire" (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

• A question of limits on "How to Get Away With Murder" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14).

• Nathan Fielder of "Nathan for You" (10 p.m., Comedy Central) catches up with former guests.

## CULT CHOICE

TCM unspools two classic documentaries from the rock



JEFF NEUMANN / FOX

Robin Lord Taylor stars as Oswald Cobblepot aka The Penguin in the "Pax Penguin" season four premiere episode of "Gotham," airing at 8 p.m. today on FOX.

era. Released in 1969, "Monterey Pop" (8 p.m.) captures a 1967 concert that introduced Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin to a wider world, which included fellow performers The Mamas & the Papas, Otis Redding, the Who, Ravi Shankar and Simon & Garfunkel. Director D.A. Pennebaker's 1967 documentary "Don't Look Back" (9:30 p.m.) recalls Bob Dylan at his most cryptic and difficult.

## SERIES NOTES

On two helpings of "The Big Bang Theory" (CBS, r, TV-PG), Sheldon's stalker (8 p.m.), collaboration (9 p.m.) \* Las Vegas finals on "American Ninja Warrior" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) \* Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \* On two helpings of "Mom" (CBS, r, TV-14), a hospital room surprise (8:30 p.m.),

tax troubles (9:30 p.m.) \* On two helpings of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (CW, TV-14), Marisol Nichols (9 p.m.), Jillian Michaels (9:30 p.m., r).

## LATE NIGHT

Bill Gates is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Jake Gyllenhaal and Max Brooks appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) \* Jim Parsons, Tatiana Maslany and The Killers are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Megyn Kelly, Dave Franco and Fergie on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \*

Halle Berry, Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) and Judah & the Lion appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) \* Emma Stone, Kaitlin Olson and Blondie visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Judi Dench, Kyle MacLachlan and Kasabian appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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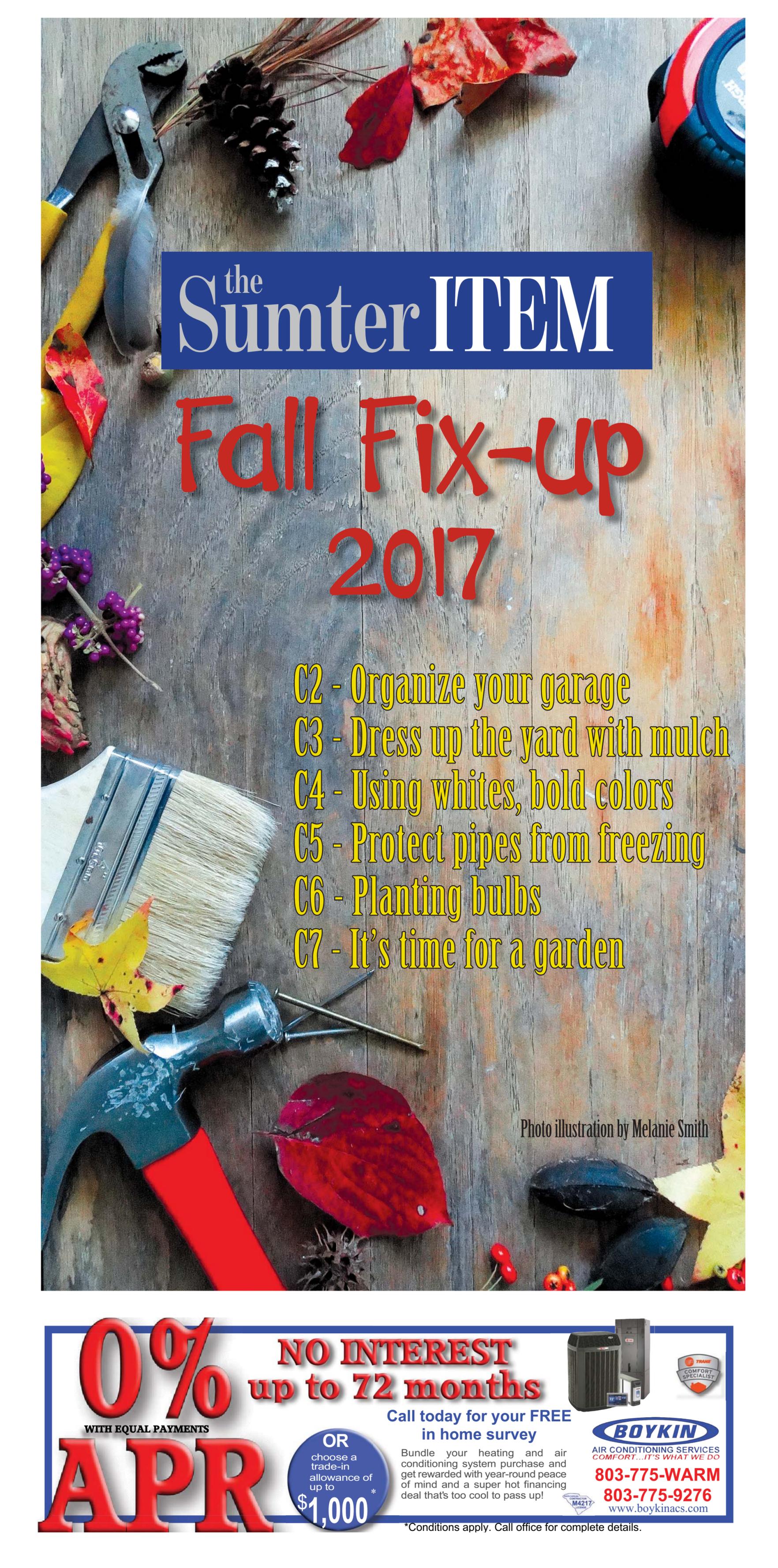
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# Temperatures drop; home fire risk increases

Plenty of things heat up when the temperature drops, including the risk for fire hazards. Fireplaces, stoves, heating systems, candles, and even electric lights are used more often during the winter than any other time of year, so it makes sense that the risk of home fires increases when the mercury drops.

The U.S. Fire Administration says 905 people die in winter home fires each year. Cooking is the leading cause of all home fires and contributes to around \$2 billion in property loss each year. Understanding potential risks and exercising caution can help homeowners protect themselves, their families and their homes from fire.

## COOKING

Home heating fires peak between the

hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. when many people are home preparing dinner. The following steps, courtesy of the American Red Cross, can improve safety in the kitchen and reduce the likelihood of a home fire:

- Never leave cooking food unattended, as it can take just seconds for fires to ignite;
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove or other appliances that generate heat;
- Clean regularly to prevent grease buildup; and
- Make sure appliances are turned off before leaving the room or going to bed.

## HEATING

The National Fire Protection Association warns that heating is the second

leading cause of home fires, deaths and injuries in the United States. The NFPA offers these safety guidelines:

- Install heating appliances according to manufacturers' instructions or have a professional do the installation;
- Fuel-burning equipment needs to vent to the outside;
- Never use an oven to heat a home;
- Keep anything that can burn away from heating equipment, including portable space heaters;
- Clean and inspect heating appliances regularly; and
- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.

## ELECTRIC

The National Safety Council estimates that between 600 and 1,000 people die each year from electrocution.

Electricity also can contribute to home fires. The Energy Education Council offers these safety suggestions:

- Never force plugs into outlets;
- Check that cords are not frayed or cracked. Do not run cords under carpets or place them in high-traffic areas;
- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis;
- Make sure light bulbs are the proper wattage for fixtures;
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters in kitchens, baths, laundry rooms and elsewhere, making sure to test them regularly; and
- Check periodically for loose wall receptacles and loose wires. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls.

Home fires are no joke and can be prevented with simple safety checks.

## Take steps to create a more organized, functional garage

Organization can help homeowners transform their homes into less cramped, more spacious oases without forcing them to finance potentially expensive expansion projects.

Homeowners who park in their driveways may find that their garages have become crowded, cluttered spaces in which searching for tools can feel like scouring a haystack in search of a needle. Organizing a garage can create extra room in a home while affording homeowners the chance to protect their vehicles from the elements. Homeowners who want to turn their garages into something more than cluttered storage units can employ the following strategies to transform these largely overlooked areas into more valuable spaces.

- Choose the right day. Garages tend to be separate from the rest of the homes they're a part of, meaning the only way to organize a garage is to first remove all items from the garage and into the driveway. Because items removed from the garage will be exposed to the elements, homeowners should choose a day that's

temperate and sunny to clean their garages. If possible, homeowners should opt to organize their garages in late spring, summer or early fall when there are additional hours of daylight. This protects homeowners from having to work in the dark should the job take longer than they initially anticipated.

- Discard or donate duplicate items. Duplicate items are some of the main culprits behind cluttered garages. As garages gradually become more cluttered, homeowners may buy tools they already have simply because they cannot find their original tools. When organizing the garage, create separate piles for duplicate tools, placing still-useful items in a pile that can be donated to neighbors, local charities or organizations and another pile for old tools that are no longer useful.

- Host a garage sale. Homeowners who want to organize their garages and make a buck at the same time can host garage sales. Make only those items that are still functional available for purchase,



Organized garages that are free of clutter can serve as valuable work spaces for handy homeowners.

and let neighbors and bargain hunters do the bulk of your organization work for you.

- Designate areas of the garage for certain items. Once the items that won't be going back into the garage have been sold, donated or discarded, organize the garage by designating areas for certain items, making sure to separate items that can pose safety risks. For example, store kids'

bicycles and outdoor toys in a corner of the garage that is opposite the corner where potentially dangerous items such as power tools and gas cans will be stored. Keep the center of the garage open for vehicles.

- Periodically park cars in the garage. Homeowners who are comfortable parking their vehicles in their driveways can improve their chances of

maintaining organized garages over the long haul by periodically parking in the garage. Doing so not only prevents the gradual buildup of clutter that can slowly take over a garage, but also protects homeowners' automotive investments.

Maintaining an organized garage can help homeowners make more practical use of the space in their homes.

## Taking care of tools will save money in the long run

Homeowners often choose to save money and learn valuable skills by doing their own home improvement projects. These minor or major renovations are made much more successful by having the right tools for the job. Investing in good tools can be smart, but those tools are only effective if they are accessible and in good repair. Homeowners who emphasize taking care of their tools can make DIY projects that much easier and more rewarding.

### ESTABLISH A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

Nothing can be more frustrating than wanting to begin a project only to spend precious time looking for tools.

Almost as important as the invest-

ment in tools is the investment in tool storage.

Hardwood or metal tool chests feature various drawers and cabinets that can house tools of different sizes. By keeping tools in a chest, they're easy to find and more likely to stay sharp and in good condition.

Metal tools should be stored in a cool, dry area, as dust and moisture can cause rusting issues on metal tools. One way to alleviate rust is to spray metal tools with a product such as WD-40 to serve as a moisture barrier, then store them in closed drawers or containers.

All tools do not necessarily have to be stored in a garage or work shed. Many homeowners like to keep smaller tools in the house so that frequently used items are within reach. A hammer, wrench, pliers and a few screwdrivers are

handy tools to have around inside the house.

### PUT TOOLS BACK

Remember to return tools to their proper storage spots when you finish using them so they can be easily found the next time they're needed. This saves time and even increases personal safety. Tools that are left around can become tripping hazards or end up in the hands of children.

### HANG GARDEN TOOLS

Whether garden tools are kept in a shed or inside the home, hang them so they don't crowd the floor. Moisture can creep up from concrete or dirt floors and eventually compromise the tools. Keep cords neatly wound and secured as well.

### RELY ON ORIGINAL CASES

Power tools typically are packaged in hard plastic cases. This keeps the tools secure and

often is the best method of storage. Original cases also help protect tools from humidity. Label each case so tools are easily identifiable when stacked on a shelf or in a cabinet.

### CLEAN TOOLS AFTER USE

Hand tools and gardening tools usually can be cleaned with rags. If these tools are especially dirty, give them a wash with soap and water. Just be sure to dry the tools thoroughly after washing them. LifeHacker advises wiping down wooden handles on tools with linseed oil to keep them in good condition.

Power tools may benefit from compressed air being blown into smaller crevices to dislodge sawdust and other debris. Lubricate any moving parts with a product recommended by the manufacturer.

Keeping tools clean and in good repair goes a long way toward safer, more efficient home-improvement projects.



# Mulch will dress up your yard for winter

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A big part of cultivating a sustainable way of life is reducing what you use and finding ways to reuse what you already have.

One way to do that is to pay attention to what comes from offsite into your lawn and garden and what leaves it. Chances are good that you may be buying and bringing in things you don't need or already have and that you're getting rid of stuff you could put to good use elsewhere.

Leaf mulch is a good example. As leaves begin to fall, many homeowners in the city rake them or otherwise bag them up and set them by the curb for pickup. This makes me happy because, while I have quite a bit of leaf mulch of my own, much of what falls from surrounding trees is pine needles, and I can always use more.

I like to try to keep everything from my own plot on-site, and that means much of

my effort involves moving stuff around more than getting rid of it. Leaves aren't too picky about where they fall, and they end up in lawn areas, on driveways and walkways, decks, roofs — everywhere, it seems, but in the neatly defined beds where I want to plant. Instead of bagging up leaf mulch, rake it or blow it into your beds and let it contribute to the process of protecting the soil, helping it retain moisture and building its value to your plants.

Two to three inches of leaf mulch is plenty; you don't want it too deep or the leaves will mat and set up an oxygen-poor environment. If you can, chop up the leaves coarsely so they have less tendency to blow away but not so finely that they impede the taking up of water.

If you get serious enough about mulch to invest in a shredder, you probably enjoy a wooded lot and have regular access to pruned and fallen sticks and branches that can make good mulch, as well.



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Leaf mulch makes an effective barrier against the spread of grass and weeds when applied regularly. Here, winter rye was seeded and leaf mulch was applied at the same time. Both are inexpensive, relatively easy tasks that can dress up your yard for winter and spring.

Pine needles make outstanding mulch around plants that enjoy a little more acidic soil, such as azaleas, hydrangeas and blueberries.

#### A FEW CAVEATS

While mulching is a big part of protecting your plants — especially newly planted ones

— and building and protecting your soil, there are a few pitfalls to avoid.

- Don't apply mulch all the way up to the plant. Leave a few inches between the mulch and the stem of woody plants to protect the plants from prolonged moisture.
- Don't mulch all the way up

to structures. Again, leave a few inches between the mulch and the foundation to protect from excess moisture and to prevent termites from having a bridge over treatments applied to the soil.

- Don't build a mound of mulch around trees. Mulch applied too deeply can smother tree roots, which need oxygen. Roots generally expand outward from the trunk about as far as the leaf canopy, and trees can benefit from a two- to three-inch layer of mulch in a circle where the leaves fall. Pine needles can be a little deeper as they allow air to flow more freely.

- Don't pile up leaf mulch and leave it too long. "Sour mulch" — you'll know it by the smell — can damage plants if left too long without turning, which allows oxygen to feed beneficial organisms that break down organic materials into nutrients. Fortunately, sour mulch can be aerated — turned — and used safely after about three days.

#### ONLINE

Much more information on this and many other lawn and garden care topics can be found at Clemson University's Home and Garden Information Center website. To read more on mulch, visit this link: <http://bit.ly/1LjIQ6L>.

# Several types of firepits for your backyard oasis

Outdoor entertaining areas are popular among homeowners, and firepits are one of the most sought-after additions to such spaces.

In fact, a 2016 survey from the American Society of Landscape Architects found that fireplaces and firepits were the most popular outdoor design element in 2016. Various styles are available to homeowners who want to add firepits to their backyards, and choosing the right type may come down to budget, the amount of yard space available or even personal preference.

- **Wood firepit:** As their name suggests, wood firepits burn wood, which may appeal to homeowners who already have wood-burning fireplaces inside their homes. Because they don't require homeowners to tap into gas lines, wood firepits are generally easy to set up and install, and many homeowners prefer the aesthetic appeal of crackling wood and flames that's synonymous with wood firepits.

- **Gas firepit:** Gas firepits are touted for their convenience, as they don't require homeowners to carry wood and build fires. Upon being connected to a gas source, gas firepits provide fire at the click of a switch. Gas firepits are also appreciated

for their safety, as there is little or no risk that flames from gas firepits will grow too large and become difficult to control.

- **Gas fire tables:** Gas fire tables might be ideal for those homeowners whose sense of decor favors more modern looks. Gas fire tables come in a variety of shapes and sizes and, like gas firepits, there's no need to struggle with lighting a fire or carrying firewood.

- **Tabletop firepits:** Homeowners, condominium or apartment dwellers with limited backyard space may want to consider the convenience of tabletop firepits. Restaurants may use tabletop firepits in their outdoor seating areas because they provide warmth and ambiance without taking up much space. Tabletop firepits fueled by gas will not need to be connected to a gas source, which may appeal to consumers who want something that's simple as well as small.

- **Fire urns:** While they might not technically qualify as firepits, fire urns provide a similar effect as firepits. Fire urns are typically gas powered and may be an ideal choice for homeowners who are looking for a unique, awe-inspiring feature for their outdoor entertaining areas.

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# Chimney maintenance is a part of home safety

As temperatures drop and thoughts once again turn to lighting fires and sitting down with a good book, it's important to revisit chimney maintenance. Even though chimneys do not require daily upkeep, regular maintenance efforts help chimneys operate safely and prevent deaths and injuries while protecting homes from fire.

Various problems can arise when chimneys are not well maintained. Such problems include chimney fires, carbon monoxide poisoning and early failure of the chimney and heating sources that the chimney vents.

Carbon monoxide can be scary, as it is virtually invisible without a proper detector. The National Vital Statistics System says that, in 2015, 393 deaths

resulted from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States. When carbon monoxide is breathed in, it builds up quickly and combines with the blood, reducing the blood's ability to carry oxygen.

Chimney fires are another potential byproduct of poor chimney maintenance. The Chimney Safety Institute of America notes that chimneys expel the byproducts of combustion, including smoke, water vapor, gases, unburned wood particles, hydrocarbon, tar fog and assorted minerals, which can condense on the inside of the chimney flue. The residue, called creosote, is highly combustible. With the right conditions, a chimney fire can occur.

To avoid chimney fires and other risks, take these precautions, courtesy of CSIA, HomeAdvisor and Popular Mechanics:

- Have chimneys inspected annually and properly cleaned by a professional chimney technician;
- Make sure tree branches and other obstacles are cleared away from the top of the chimney;
- Use seasoned hardwoods that have been split for several months to a year. "Green" wood creates more creosote;
- The top-down method of building a fire produces less smoke. This means using larger pieces of wood on the bottom and the smallest twigs and kindling at the top. The fire will burn from the top and down, igniting the

wood beneath as it goes;

- Put a cap on the chimney to keep out rain, snow and small animals;
- Keep fires small — otherwise, the intense heat may damage bricks and mortar in the chimney. Repair any damage promptly before lighting another fire;
- Open the damper and fireplace doors so that air supply flows freely and can vent the smoke promptly, reducing residence time in the flue; otherwise, creosote can form; and
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms throughout the home and routinely check the batteries.

Learn more about chimney maintenance and find a certified chimney sweep at [www.csia.org](http://www.csia.org).



## Don't throw out that dresser; repurpose it

One of the benefits to becoming a skilled do-it-yourselfer is the chance to embrace projects that can breathe new life into objects that others might designate for the trash or donation pile. Renovating such items can save money and provide an entirely different purpose for the object.

After upgrading design styles or moving, there's a good chance the average homeowner has a spare dresser or chest of drawers he or she may no longer use. Repurposing such furniture can make for an enjoyable weekend DIY project.

With a change of color, removal of drawers or a few minor modifications, dressers can be transformed in many different ways. Here are a few ideas to get started.

- **Television stand:** Sand and paint or stain the dresser to match the color scheme of your living room or family room. Remove the top row of drawers from the dresser to have cubby space to house electronics, such as cable boxes or DVD players. The remaining drawers can hold movie collections, spare remote controls, gaming systems, and much more.

- **Serving bar:** Paint the dresser in an eye-catching shade and make sure to seal-coat it with a finish that is impervious to moisture. If time or budget allows, attach a piece of glass or tiles on top of the dresser to create a water-resistant, strong surface area. Store various serving glasses and cocktail accoutrements within the drawers. Place a

few bottles of your favorite spirits and a decanter on a decorative tray.

- **Storage shelving:** Remove the drawers from the dresser and turn it into a storage mecca by using stackable plastic containers in spaces once occupied by the drawers. Keep craft supplies, collectibles or anything else you can think of inside.

- **Kitchen island:** Small dressers can be repurposed into kitchen islands with a few modifications. Install casters on the feet so it can be moved around when necessary. Place butcher block wood or stone on top so you'll have a sturdy cutting or preparation surface area. Hooks hung on the side can hold frequently used kitchen utensils.

- **Changing table:** Turn an older dresser into a changing table for a new baby. In addition, add a cushioned pad and some decorative trim to serve as a frame that keeps the pad in place. The drawers will keep wipes, diapers, onesies, and other supplies at the ready.

- **Bench:** Remove the top drawers from the dresser. Add a piece of plywood to make a seat. Use the removed drawer faces on the inside back of the dresser since this area will now be visible. Paint the entire piece or stain it as desired. Fashion a cushion for the seat, and the bench is ready for an entryway or wherever you have space.

Before discarding an old dresser, think of all the ways it can be transformed into another useful piece of furniture.

## Create drama with bold paint colors

Painting is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to transform the look of a space. Paint colors can dramatically change the mood and the design of a home. And depending on a homeowner's goals, paint can make a statement or blend into the background.

Many people are now looking to bold colors to make spaces stand out. But choosing a paint color can be challenging.

- **Decide how big an impact you want to make.** Are you looking for color overload or just a small focal point of vivid color? Remember, using bold color doesn't mean every wall must be lathered in that hue. Instead, select one wall to serve as an accent point and use that spot as your bold color display. Otherwise, rely on bold colors to dress up otherwise mundane areas, such as the back wall of a cupboard or moldings and trim.

- **Try bold in a small space.** Many people are surprised at how well bold colors work in small spaces. Powder rooms can be an ideal spot to experiment with paint colors. Try deep colors that can make the area seem intimate and even exotic. Dark, bold hues can be toned down by different accents, such as neutral colored fixtures and towels.

- **Go bold in the kitchen.** Incorporate a splash of color in the kitchen without going

overboard. Try an appliance or design fixture in a bright shade. Or paint the inside of the cabinets in your favorite color and install glass inserts in the cabinet doors so that everyone gets a peek of the color beyond. A neutral kitchen also can be brightened up with the use of silverware, dishes, pots and pans, and other kitchen items featured in bold hues.

- **Stick to boldness on interchangeable items.** Those who like to experiment with color may find that they like to switch out the colors now and again. Instead of having to repaint every few months, use decorative items in bright shades to make swapping out color that much easier. For example, replace area rugs, throw pillows and draperies. Paint over terra cotta flower pots when the mood strikes.

- **Establish balance.** Rely on neutral furniture, rugs, moldings and baseboards if you decide to take bold colors up a notch. This will help create a sense of balance in the room.

Painting is a fun way to experiment with color. Many homeowners are not hesitant to use bold shades of color when they learn the right techniques. And because paint is an inexpensive option for making over a room, homeowners who find they do not like a particular color can easily paint over it with a new color.

## White is versatile both inside, out

White is a versatile color in home decorating and renovation. White helps any space look effortlessly chic, blends well with just about any color and can be incorporated into various design styles — from modern to traditional.

White can be used nearly anywhere inside and outside the home. Improving interior and exterior spaces with white elements is easier than you might think, and it instantly can make anything look as good as new.

### KITCHEN

While rich cherrywood cabinets and deeply hued granite countertops have long been popular in kitchens, creamy white cabinets paired with blonde wood countertops can work together to make kitchens seem open and airy. If all white is not your thing, brighten up kitchen spaces with white canisters, cookie jars and a fresh bouquet of white flowers to add instant appeal.

### LIVING ROOM

Use white as a base color for living room spaces so you can build on it with other hues on pillows and draperies, mixing and matching however you see fit.

Homeowners who have children and/or pets should look for furniture with removable slipcovers. This way they're easily removed and laundered.

### BATHROOM

White bathrooms look fresh and are easy to clean and maintain. White tiles provide a classic look. Include colored

bath mats, towels and shower curtains to break up the white as you see fit. A neutral white base makes it easy to switch out color schemes whenever you feel like it.

### BEDROOM

Feminine and fresh, white bedrooms may not be the first choice for novice designers. If the prospect of white on white seems too sterile, offset deeper hues on bed linens and walls with white furniture. This provides some pop against the darker contrast.

Keep in mind that doing a bed up in all white means it will always be easy to find matching sheets and pillowcases, making it possible to ensure everything looks cohesive and crisp.

### OUTDOORS

Use white paint on trims, shutters, mailboxes, and more to provide that pop of contrast against the rest of the home. White complements just about every color, making it a versatile choice on a home's accents regardless of the main exterior color of that home.

White and other light shades will reflect the sun as well, contributing to cooler temperatures on walkways, decks and other structures, which can be advantageous to homeowners who live in warm climates.

Is it any wonder that white continues to be a classic and popular color to use around the home? Whether you do so with monochromatic rooms or accent pieces, you can incorporate white into design plans throughout your home.

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# Protect pipes from freezing this winter

Freezing pipes are a concern for homeowners who live in cold climates. When temperatures dip below freezing, the risk that pipes will freeze rises. Should a pipe burst, the damage that results can be extensive and costly.

Any pipe can freeze, but those that are directly exposed to the cold are the most vulnerable. These include pipes that feed outdoor hoses, swimming pool supply lines, pipes in unheated indoor rooms (i.e., basements or garages), and any pipes that run close to the outdoors through uninsulated walls. Water expands as it freezes, and that expansion can place pressure on whatever is trying to contain it — including pipes.

To avoid serious damage, homeowners need to prepare for the arrival of colder weather and be smart about how they protect pipes.

- Drain water from swimming pools and water sprinkler supply lines prior to the onset of cold weather. Drain

water before freezing temperatures arrive, and don't forget to drain outdoor garden hoses and store them inside after watering season has come and gone.

- Close indoor water valves that feed outdoor spigots/bibs. Open the spigot outside to allow water to drain out. Keep the outside valve open so that any water that has accumulated will continue to drain and expand outward without damaging the pipe. An insulated bib dome also can help prevent frozen pipes.

- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to reach pipes inside of cabinets. Keep the doors open to spaces that may not be heated or insulated as well as other areas of the home so that heat can find its way inside. Consider wrapping these pipes with an insulating material as well, such as heat tape or pipe sleeves.

- Maintain a consistent thermostat

temperature. Ensure the temperature inside your home does not drop below 55 F; otherwise, problems can arise. Use a programmable thermostat to keep the house comfortable even when you are not home. Individuals who are traveling should set the thermostat so that it will keep the home at the recommended temperature to avoid frozen pipes.

- Open one faucet. When it is very cold outside, particularly at night, let water slowly drip from one faucet to prevent freezing. Choose the sink that is furthest from where water enters the house so water is flowing through all of the pipes to reach that faucet.

- Increase insulation around where pipes enter the house. Use insulating foam to seal any drafts where pipes enter the house from the outdoors.

Frozen pipes cannot always be avoided. Therefore, it is important that everyone in the household knows how to



shut off the main water valve in the event a pipe bursts. This can prevent expensive damage to a home.



## Fall is the last chance to protect your lawn from low winter temperatures

Spring and summer may be the seasons most often associated with landscaping and lawn care, but tending to lawns and gardens is a year-round job. If lawn and garden responsibilities dip considerably in winter, then fall is the last significant chance before the new year that homeowners will have to address the landscaping around their homes.

Fall lawn care differs from spring and summer lawn care, even if the warm temperatures of summer linger into autumn. Homeowners who want their lawns to thrive year-round can take advantage of the welcoming weather of fall to address any existing or potential issues.

- Keep mowing, but adjust how you mow. It's important that homeowners continue to mow their lawns so long as grass is growing. But as fall transitions into winter, lower the blades so the grass is cut shorter while remaining mindful that no blade of grass should ever be trimmed by more than one-third. Lowering the blades will allow more sunlight to reach the grass in the months ahead.

- Remove leaves as they fall. Much like apple-picking and foliage, raking leaves is synonymous with fall. Some homeowners may wait to pick up a rake until all of the trees on their properties are bare. However, allowing fall leaves to sit on the ground for extended periods of time can have an adverse effect on grass. Leaves left to sit on the lawn may ultimately suffocate the grass by forming an impenetrable wall that deprives the lawn of sunlight

and oxygen. The result is dead grass and possibly even fungal disease. Leaves may not need to be raked every day, but homeowners should periodically rake and remove leaves from their grass, even if there are plenty left to fall still hanging on the trees.

- Repair bald spots. Summer exacts a toll on lawns in various ways, and even homeowners with green thumbs may end up with a lawn filled with bald spots come September. Autumn is a great time to repair these bald spots. Lawn repair mixes such as Scotts' PatchMaster contain mulch, seed and fertilizer to repair bald spots, which can begin to recover in as little as seven days. Before applying such products, remove dead grass and loosen the top few inches of soil. Follow any additional manufacturer instructions as well.

- Aerate the turf. Aerating reduces soil compacting, facilitating the delivery of fertilizer and water to a lawn's roots. While many homeowners, and particularly those who take pride in tending to their own lawns, can successfully aerate their own turf, it's best to first have soil tested so you know which amendments to add after the ground has been aerated. Gardening centers and home improvement stores sell soil testing kits that measure the pH of soil, but homeowners who want to test for nutrients or heavy metals in their soil may need to send their samples to a lab for further testing.

Fall lawn care provides a great reason to spend some time in the yard before the arrival of winter.

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# Don't make the most common mistakes with bulbs this year

BY MELANIE SMITH  
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Every spring, I always admire my neighbors' display of yellow and orange daffodils that border their chain-link fence in a dense, colorful row on each side of the fence.

And every spring, I always wish I had planted enough bulbs to copy their idea in my own yard.

If you're like me and want a flush of spring color, now is the time to start thinking about what types of bulbs you'd like to include in your garden. Alliums? Narcissus? Daffodils? Crocus?

Sue Timmons, a Master Gardener who works in the garden center at Simpson Hardware & Sports, said all those varieties will do well in our climate, although she said crocus aren't as long-lived as daffodils.

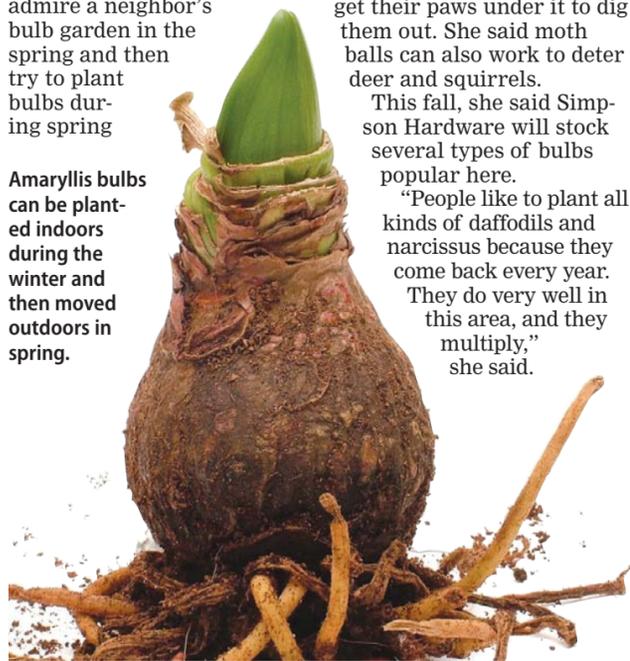
Timmons said one of the most common mistakes people make with bulbs is planting them too early.

"Bulbs are best planted near the end of October because you don't want them to start sprouting up," Timmons said.

She said this will give them time to establish their roots during the winter, and planting then will mean the foliage won't get frostbitten from coming up too early.

Another common mistake is that some shoppers admire a neighbor's bulb garden in the spring and then try to plant bulbs during spring

Amaryllis bulbs can be planted indoors during the winter and then moved outdoors in spring.



instead of fall. In this case, you may not get any flowers because the roots haven't been able to grow over several months.

So how should you plant your bulbs?

"Usually they come with directions telling how deep to plant them. If they don't, plant them twice as deep as the bulb is big," Timmons said.

And make sure you plant them with the stem end up and the root end in the hole you dig.

If you're planning a large bulb garden and have a daunting number you want to try, you can buy a tool that will do the job for you. You can find bulb augurs and drills at websites such as Holland Bulb Farms.

She recommended against putting fertilizer at the bottom of the holes you dig for them. Instead, you can put some fertilizer on top of the soil after you've covered up the bulbs. Timmons said bone meal isn't the best choice because it can attract all sorts of critters but that bulb fertilizer is made to not attract animals.

If you've had issues with your bulbs being dug up by famished squirrels, Timmons suggested laying down chicken wire over the section of garden you've used for the bulbs. This way, the bulbs can sprout through the wire, and animals won't be able to get their paws under it to dig them out. She said moths can also work to deter deer and squirrels.

This fall, she said Simpson Hardware will stock several types of bulbs popular here.

"People like to plant all kinds of daffodils and narcissus because they come back every year.

They do very well in this area, and they multiply," she said.

They'll also have alliums; fritillaria or crown imperial, which she said should be more popular than they are because of their beauty; grape hyacinths; and leucojum, a long-lived option.

"Leucojum lives a really long time, and you'll see them in old homesteads. They'll be growing there 50 to 100 years. They've been popular here for a very, very, very long time," Timmons said.

Tulips are popular but don't always return the next year, so she said they're really only good for one season. Amaryllis is also a great option to plant indoors in a pot for some color, and then you can plant them outside in the spring to bloom for their first season. They'll come back each year.

With plenty of options available here, you can plant a bulb garden this fall that'll make all your neighbors take notice of your beautiful flowers next spring. And hopefully they won't rush out for bulbs and be disappointed.



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Stores are already stocking assortments of bulbs for spring color, but don't plant them too early this fall.

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# Fall: A good time to plant a garden?

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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By the time the leaves begin to fall, most gardeners are rolling it up for the year, composting the spent remains of warm-season crops, canning and preserving the harvest for winter and thinking about next year.

But with the days growing shorter, and particularly cooler, fall is a great time to get outside and plant a fall garden full of leafy greens and root vegetables you can enjoy right out of the ground most of the year.

According to a data sheet at the Clemson University Home and Garden Information Center website (<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic>), an invaluable resource for gardeners in South Carolina, right now is a great time to plant:

- Garlic (through Nov. 15)
- Kale (through mid-September, hurry)
- Mustard (through Oct. 1)
- Onions, sets (through Nov. 15)
- Onions, seeds (through Oct. 15)
- Radish (through Oct. 25)
- Spinach (through Oct. 20)
- Turnips (through Oct. 1)

Keep in mind that these dates are approximate, and an early frost could wipe out your crop. Cool-season crops like these will happily grow right through a freeze, but only if planted early enough to mature before hard freezes hit.

Also keep in mind that the sun rides through the southern sky lower and lower each day, and areas that may have been in the sun all summer are now in shade. Cool-season crops still need the sun. Plants will require less watering in cooler seasons than in the heat of summer, as well.

Use your fallen leaves to mulch your fall garden.

## ALSO A GOOD TIME TO TRANSPLANT

Autumn is the best time to transplant established trees and shrubs, divide summer-blooming perenni-



als, plant bulbs and generally move things around after they've finished blooming.

Trees and shrubs set for moving in the fall should be root-pruned in the spring to reduce the size of the ball that must be dug and to encourage a new flush of root growth during the fall and winter to get ready for spring. Local garden centers should have a wide variety of trees and shrubs available to plant this time of year.

Perennials that bloom in spring

and summer should be divided and relocated in the fall. You'll want to allow four to six weeks before the ground freezes for the plants to get established after they're divided and replanted.

Now is the time to choose and purchase bulbs to plant, but actual planting should wait until later in the fall, when soil temperatures remain below 60 degrees. Most bulbs need to be chilled before they are planted to produce flowers. Often this is done by bulb suppliers, but

storing them in the refrigerator until time to plant can help ensure enough of a chilling period to bloom.

We fell in love with fall gardening because our summers were too busy with activities, and, let's face it, because it's just too hot sometimes to enjoy being in the garden unless it is first thing in the morning. Fall is a good time to get the fertile chaos of summer under control, but you need not give up on fresh food from the garden just because the weather is turning a bit cooler.

## Dark florals move from runway to rooms this fall

BY KIM COOK  
The Associated Press

We know that what brews in fashion percolates into decor. This fall, it's floral prints loaded with depth and drama.

Anna Sui's fall 2017 show was replete with deep, moody florals on velvet, silk and chiffon.

Recent collections from Dolce & Gabbana, Marc Jacobs and Miu Miu have also featured them.

Now we're seeing fall decor echoing the trend.

"These florals don't hold back," says designer Sara McArthur, formerly of Design Collective West and now principal of her eponymous firm in Highland, Utah.

"They're modern, cool and edgy. They're romantic and rock 'n' roll at the same time," she says. "Florals, typically a feminine pattern, are transformed into more androgynous looks with the darker palette."

Raun Thorp of the Los Angeles architectural firm Tichenor and Thorp says, "The most inspirational dark florals were in the (2017 Spring/Summer) Dries Van Noten runway show, by Azuma Makoto." The Japanese floral designer encased dozens of exotic blooms in backlit blocks of ice to showcase the moody, ethereal floral prints on the clothes.

"The fabrics in this collection would be a great starting point for a room's palette," says Thorp.

Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen have dark floral carpets and cushions for The Rug Company. Westwood's oversized rose and magnolia motifs have a painterly vibe. McQueen has placed a macro photo of a

crimson poppy on a midnight background; the rug becomes abstract art for the floor. ([www.therugcompany.com](http://www.therugcompany.com))

"Reminiscent of still-life art from Holland and Germany in the early 1600s, there's a surge of new still-life floral wallpaper in 2017, echoing the moody baroque vibes of the Old World," says McArthur.

Flavor Paper worked with Manhattan floral studio Ovando and New York City's Skot Yobauje Photography to create a digital-print paper

called Elan Vital that's atmospheric and hyper-realistic. Another pattern, Vivid Victorian, transforms a traditional floral print into something wild and dynamic as hotly hued blooms tumble on a sultry black damask background. ([www.flavorpaper.com](http://www.flavorpaper.com))

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Liberty of London's Feather Bloom floral print which graces a seating collection this season at Anthropologie is seen.

fine wallpaper manufacturer, carries several patterns drawn from the midcentury archives of Fornasetti, the Italian design house known for witty, fanciful takes on 20th century iconography. They include Peonie (with bouquets in copper, burgundy and lime or red, magenta and orange); Pansee (with the flat-faced flowers rendered in broody metallics); and Frutto Proibito (in which monkeys cavort among fig tree flora).

"Who would think of Fornasetti for florals?" says Thorp. "They're all done in dark and edgy color combinations that are more punk than prim."

Cynthia Rowley's Bird Watching design for Tempaper pares down a chinoiserie bird-on-flowering-branch motif to a silhouette of molten gold on an inky background. ([www.tempaperde-](http://www.tempaperde-)

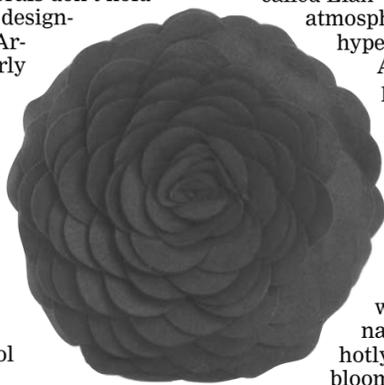
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Add some drama to windows with The Shade Store's evocative Desert Flower pattern in one of four saturated hues, including deep orange, blue and black. ([www.theshadestore.com](http://www.theshadestore.com))

A modern version of Liberty of London's rich Feather Bloom floral print graces a sofa, ottoman and swivel chair in a new collaboration at Anthropologie. ([www.anthropologie.com](http://www.anthropologie.com))

And from Italian decor atelier MIHO Unexpected Things, there's a whimsical collection of easy-to-assemble little boxes and mountable fiberboard cupboards printed with patchwork florals.

Shapes such as hardcover books, beetles and fish add to the boxes' eclectic charm; use them to stylishly stow keys, makeup (one comes with a handy mirror) or just as decor. ([www.mihounexpectedshop.com](http://www.mihounexpectedshop.com))



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