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## Trump says he'll accept results, 'If I win'

Trailing Republican makes joke, but faces harsh criticism over debate answer

BY JULIE PACE, JOSH LEDERMAN  
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DELAWARE, OHIO — Mocking his critics, Donald Trump pledged Thursday to fully accept the outcome of next month's presidential election — if he wins. The Republican said he reserved the right to contest questionable results, deepening his unsubstantiated assertions that the race against Hill-

ary Clinton could be rigged against him.

Trump's comments came a day after his stunning refusal in the final presidential debate to say whether he would concede to Clinton if he loses. His resistance, threatening to undermine the essence of American democracy, was roundly rejected by fellow Republicans.

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EVAN VUCCI/AP

Donald Trump campaigns in Ohio on Thursday.

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## S.C. GOP leaders disagree with Trump: 'Election is not rigged'

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WASHINGTON — Gov. Nikki Haley disputed the Republican presidential nominee Thursday, a day after Donald Trump said in the third debate that the election system is rigged.

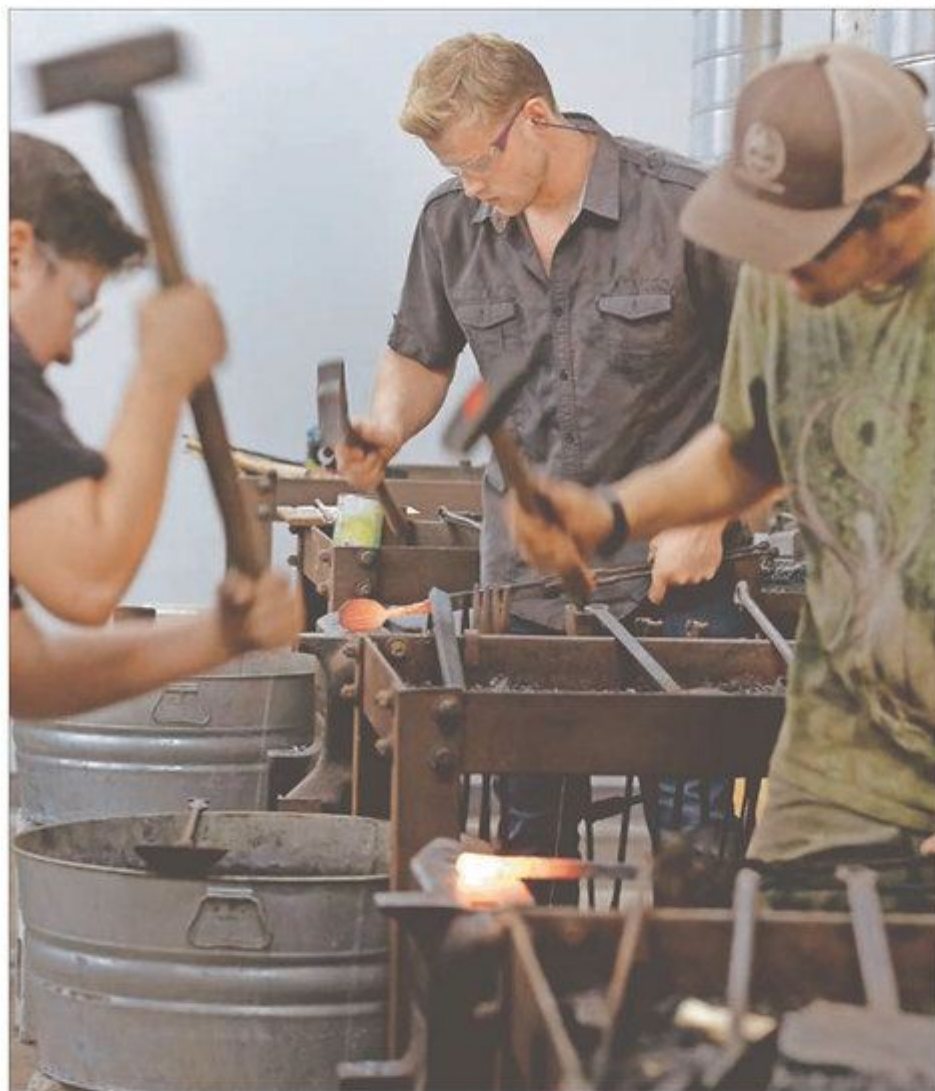
While the "if I win" was a new concession Thursday, his caveat still threatens to cast doubt on the legitimacy of

the process, something that sparked a combination of disagreement and straight-up rebuke from both sides of the aisle in South Carolina.

"This election is not rigged, and it's irresponsible to say that it is," Haley said in a statement provided to The Post and Courier. "Faith in the democratic process is one of America's

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## Heavy metal artists



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Ironworking students (from left) Jasmine Norton, Ilya Somov and Otto Engel hold a demonstration Thursday as the American College of the Building Arts celebrates the opening of its new campus at the old Trolley Barn on upper Meeting Street in downtown Charleston. The \$5 million project was largely funded through private donations. Story on Page A4.

## Staffer changed abortion proposal

DHEC explains how error was made

BY MAYA T. PRABHU  
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COLUMBIA — State health officials say a staff member was the source of the language in a proposal requiring married women to get signed consent from their husband before getting an abortion.

The recommendations also listed a requirement that women be tested for sexually transmitted diseases if they were seeking an abortion, which is different than the way it's done currently by abortion providers.

Officials said the inclusion and publication of both items in a draft document released for public review last month was done in error, and that neither are actually under consideration.

The miscues, disclosed Wednesday after The Post and Courier raised questions about the document, completely originated with department staff, S.C. Department of Health and Environment spokeswoman Jennifer Read said Thursday.

The staffer's name and job description were not disclosed.

Read said the intent of updating the state's abortion regulations was so that the directives would fall in line with recommendations on the state's

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# The State

## 2016 ELECTIONS

# Absentee votes are up 15-20% in SC

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At least 74,955 South Carolina voters won't be listening to the presidential candidates make their final pitches this election year.

Those South Carolinians already have cast their ballots using the state's absentee voting option. And the number of South Carolinians voting absentee is expected to go far higher.

"We're about 15 to 20 percent ahead compared to the same numbers last time," said Chris Whitmire, spokesman for the S.C. Election Commission.

If more South Carolinians vote ab-

tee, it could be good news for Democrats.

In 2012, S.C. absentee voters opted for Democrat Barack Obama over Republican Mitt Romney by 54-45, almost the reverse of the statewide total that year, when challenger Romney topped President Obama 54-44.

The absentee voting period started last week.

As of Wednesday, 207,429 South Carolinians have applied for an absentee ballot, hoping to get their vote out of the way well before Election Day. Of those, 74,955 actually had cast absentee ballots, and another 77,320 ballots had been

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## USC FOOTBALL

# 10 things about Jake Bentley

Ten things you might not know about South Carolina freshman quarterback Jake Bentley, who is expected to get his first playing time this season against UMass on Saturday.

### 1. HIS ROLE MODEL

He views former Byrnes High and USC running back Marcus Lattimore as his idol. He patterns his work ethic after Lattimore and wants to leave a legacy like Lattimore's.

### 2. HIS BROTHERS

Chas Dodd and Shuler Bentley were star quarterbacks at Byrnes and then played for Division I college teams - Dodd at Rutgers and Bentley at Old Dominion.

### 3. HIS DAD

Bobby Bentley was an ultra-successful high school coach at Byrnes, winning four consecutive state championships from 2002-05 and going 57-2. He is now the running backs coach at USC.

### 4. HIS LEGEND

He was viewed as a future star quarterback and top recruit from the time he was in middle school. Observers could see he was going to have the frame and skill to be a big-time QB.

### 5. HIS WINDING ROAD

In the offseason after his freshman year, Bobby moved his family after accepting a coaching position at Auburn. Jake played his sophomore and junior seasons at Opelika High in Alabama.

### 6. HIS DECISION

With his family moving to Columbia, he decided to skip his senior year of high school and enroll a year early at USC instead of staying at Opelika High or enrolling at a Midlands high school.

### 7. HIS AGE

He would have been old for his grade as a high school senior. He will turn 19 on Nov. 23. Fellow freshman quarterback Brandon McIlwain will turn 19 on May 31, 2017.



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Can USC find a punt returner? Page 1B  
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# Traveling in Columbia Saturday? Bring your patience

■ Downtown will be a tangle as USC football fans and fair-goers converge on the area. Highway Patrol estimates more than 100,000 people will attend.

BY GLEN LUKE TLANAGAN  
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Downtown Columbia will be a tangle Saturday as football fans and fair-goers pour in to cheer on the Gamecocks and hit up the State Fair.

Between the two events, more than 100,000 people are expected to be in the same few blocks at the same time, according to Lance Cpl. David Jones of the S.C. Highway Patrol.

The patrol is handling traffic, with the help of the Columbia Police Department. Jones said folks who want to attend both the fair and the game should plan to come early to find parking.

"If someone wants to come to the fair, come early - or come while the game is being played, or wait a couple hours after the game has ended, to allow some of that traffic to leave," Jones said.

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### ONLINE

THESTATE.COM: Check out the Highway Patrol's traffic flow maps for before and after the Gamecocks game.







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A framed photograph of Jacob Hall sits in Oakdale Baptist Church during the funeral service for him on Oct. 4.

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FAMILY TO PURSUE  
'JACOB'S LAW'

Would require armed officers in schools throughout SC

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Intersection of Interstate 85 and S.C. 24 in Anderson Co. to be named after Jacob. **3A**

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Meds  
training  
detailed  
in reportShows many DDSN  
providers were lacking

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COLUMBIA - More than 30 percent of providers last year chose not to use a program to train and certify workers to give out medications to intellectually disabled consumers, the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs disclosed Thursday.

But officials cautioned that those numbers, while a key piece of data in determining how many providers are doing what they should with medications, does not mean 30 percent were violating the law or using untrained employees to hand out pills. They said in some cases nurses could have been used or providers could have used certified medication assistants.

However, DDSN's quality review agency still found problems with the way medications training occurs in the DDSN network. Oversight of medications training by providers lacked sufficient documentation, some providers that did use the training curriculum changed it to give fewer hours than required, and the frequency of the training "varied significantly from one provider to provider," according to a memo released Thursday.

In addition, DDSN said in the memo, "anecdotal information gathered from multiple communications between various DDSN and provider staff suggested implementation of the program was not across all settings and the determination of consumers' ability to self-administer medications was too broadly defined."

The information came two months after DDSN Director Beverly Buscemi sent a directive to providers telling them that they should not use untrained workers to hand out medications to consumers or to assist consumers who want to self-administer medications.

The agency cares for thousands of intellectually disabled consumers, those with autism, brain or spinal cord injuries, many in group homes.

Since then, Buscemi has told commissioners she did not know how

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## Wyche space to be sold, developed into Grand Bohemian Hotel

AMANDA COYNE

THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Wyche Law Firm will sell its E. Campdown Way building to the Kessler Collection, a hospitality company, which will develop the site into the Grand Bohemian Hotel, a 160-room hotel in downtown Greenville.

The new, 160-room hotel in downtown Greenville will have a gallery with "rare and original artwork," a spa, restaurant, bar and other amenities. Sixty percent of the guest rooms will have views of the Reedy River, and the hotel will be walkable to downtown's Walk Bokeh, Reedy Riverfront, and other attractions.

situated along a beautiful waterfall and park in the urban core," said Kessler Collection CEO and Chairman Richard Kessler in a release. "We are very eager to begin construction and plans are well underway. There will be no other hotel in the area of South Carolina with such a close proximity to the Reedy River and the

close the sale price Thursday afternoon. The firm had been approached to sell its building multiple times, said managing partner Ted Gentry, but the Kessler Collection's vision for the hotel is what convinced the firm to sell.

"Kessler shared a clear vision and







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# Independent Mail

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### TOWNVILLE ELEMENTARY SHOOTING

## 'Jacob's law' would put officers in schools

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"We may want to shy away from the one-size-fits-all method of handling this," Hill said. "I'm supportive of anything that protects children and that also provides flexibility for people within the schools."

Sen. Kevin Bryant, an Anderson Republican, said he also has not been con-

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Jacob Hall



Lt. Commander Wallace Miller climbs out of the US Navy F-18 Rhino Super Hornet jet Thursday after flying it into Anderson Regional Airport for the upcoming airshow in Anderson.

KATIE MCLEAN/INDEPENDENT MAIL

### ★ ELECTION 2016

## Bitter campaigns typically end with acceptance

ADAM GELLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Congress denied Andrew Jackson the White House even though he'd won more votes than any other candidate, he blamed it on "bare faced corruption."

When Rutherford B. Hayes won the presidency five decades later, supporters of his opponent, Samuel Tilden, offered to march on Washington and install him by force.

For nearly as long as there has been a United States, presidential campaigns have periodically ended with bitter divisions over accusations of political trickery and reluctance by the losing side to accept the outcome.

And yet, for all that fiery history, there has never been a candidate quite like Donald Trump, whose assertions that the election is rigged and that he might not accept the result come well before most votes have even been cast.

Presidential elections have largely followed a tradition of respectful, although sometimes pained, acceptance once results are finalized, with the loser making a point to cede the stage to the winner. Such peaceful transitions have become a constant in recent

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## Crowd welcomes fighter jet team

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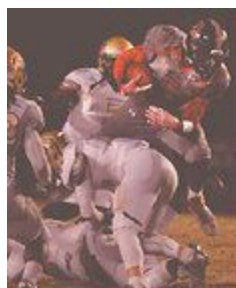
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two seconds," Miller said Thursday

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### Highland garden in need of tending

A community garden that provided free fresh produce and horticulture classes to residents of Norris Ridge Apartments in the Highland community has become neglected after the volunteer who tended it became ill. C1

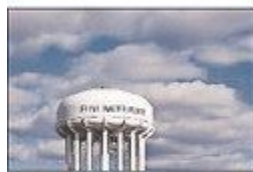
### CAMPAIGN 2016



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### NATION & WORLD



### Watchdog: EPA delayed in Flint crisis

### MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA REPORT

## Mental illness prevalent in SC

State also struggling with access to care, study shows

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South Carolina is among the states with the highest prevalence of adult and youth mental illness and the worst access

to care, according to Mental Health America's latest report.

The report, "The State of Mental Health in America 2017," ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia on 15 measures, including the prevalence of mental illness and access to treatment and resources.

South Carolina ranked 37th in the nation for the prevalence of adult and youth mental illness and access to care in 2014, the

most recent available ranking in the report. The state has seen progress since 2011, when it was ranked 45th overall.

Broken down by age, South Carolina was among the top 15 states with the most adults struggling with a mental illness — nearly 17.6 percent, or 636,000 adults in the state.

Nationally, 20 percent of adults have a mental health condition, which equates to

about 43.7 million people, the report said.

The state ranked 37th for the prevalence of mentally ill youth in 2014, but did see an increase in access to mental health coverage for children from 2011-14.

"The whole nation is facing mental health as a challenge," said Tom Barnett, speaking on behalf of the Spartanburg

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### HURRICANE MATTHEW FLOODING

## Crop loss could equal last year's



Fairforest Elementary School holds a parade to celebrate plans to establish a garden at the school. ALEX HICKS JR./SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

### State agriculture chief in town to visit Fairforest Elementary

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S.C. Department of Agriculture Com-

Weathers said state officials are still trying to assess the extent of the damage to farms.

"It is much more difficult to get a handle on than the flood last year. The damage (this year) is more localized. From my part of the world — I'm in Orangeburg — if you went from that part toward the North

our farmers," he said. "The further north-easterly you move, the more crops will be abandoned. What will be harvested, we then have to deal with the quality issue. When cotton or peanuts or soybeans stay in the field beyond the harvest time, the quality begins to deteriorate, just like a vegetable."





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## Florence School District One

# Candidates cite concerns with tech, bullying

John Galloway, Marshall Rainey and Carlos Washington (left to right) all candidates for District 2 on the Florence School District One Board of Trustees, participate in a forum Thursday night at Poyner Adult Education Center.



MELISSA ROLLINS/MORNING NEWS

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
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FLORENCE—Thursday night the Florence community heard firsthand from the candidates for the Florence School District One board of trustees

during a forum at Poyner Adult Education Center.

The forum was moderated by former superintendent Allie Brooks. Audience members had the opportunity to submit questions prior to the forum; candidates had one minute to answer each

question given to them.

Candidates Alexis D. Pipkins Sr. and Will Breazeale were not present; Breazeale had a representative speaking on his behalf.

One question posed to the candidates was "What

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## Florence County Council

# Officials say cleanup work underway after Matthew

BY JOSHUA LLOYD  
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FLORENCE — Florence County officials said Thursday that the cleanup and recovery efforts after Hurricane Matthew are well underway.

County damage assessment teams estimate \$52.5 million in damage to private property, businesses, churches and government facilities during the storm.

County Administrator K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. said during Thursday's meeting of the Florence County Council that the estimated cost to remove all debris from county roads and repair damaged or washed-out roads is about \$1 million.

He said individual help is on the way, and locations for aid centers are in the works.

"We're working with FEMA representatives to establish two recovery centers in the county, one here in Florence and the other in Lake City," Smith said. "We expect those centers to be open for the public by Saturday."

Exact locations had not been set Thursday, but officials said that information will be publicized immediately when it is available.

## Debris

Florence County has contracted Crowder Constructors to handle vegetative debris on county roads — meaning trees, limbs, leaves and other natural debris left by Hurricane Matthew.

"At least eight new crews were scheduled to arrive [Thursday] and several additional crews are scheduled to arrive daily to ramp up our efforts in debris removal," Smith said. "The main focus has been securing additional debris management sites, with two or three more opening by the weekend."

Debris is also accepted at any of the county's 15 manned waste cen-

## PUMPKIN PARTY



KEGAN MAY/MORNING NEWS

Jade Burbage, 3, and Kaiden Baker, 8, decorate pumpkins during "Pumpkins in the Park," at Williamson Park in Darlington on Thursday.



James Brunson helps Arriyel Kelly, 3, decorate a pumpkin on Thursday afternoon.

Dozens of children and parents gathered at Williamson Park in Darlington for the third annual "Pumpkins in the Park." After learning the origin story of jack-o-lanterns, kids accessorized miniature pumpkins with foam adhesive decorations. It didn't take long to see pumpkins spruced up with faces of lions, mummies, cowboys and Frankenstein.





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## Dr. Ingram passes review with flying colors

From Staff Reports

DARLINGTON — The Darlington County Board of Education conducted the annual evaluation of the district's superintendent. Dr. Eddie Ingram, district superintendent, met or exceeded expectations in every category for the third year in a row. No changes were requested or made to the superintendent's contract.

Each member of the board completed a checklist of characteristics in the instrument and arrived at an overall rating in the following areas: Relationship with the Board; Performs as Educational Leader; Management Skills and Abilities; Services



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to People Served; Fiscal Management; Personal and Professional Attributes; Community and Public Relations; Effective Leadership of Staff; and Student Learning and Achievement. Possible ratings on the instrument progress from Unsatisfactory (1 star), Needs Improvement (2), Meets Expectations (3), Exceeds Expectations (4) and Superior (5).

Average of 3.75 out of possible 5  
 » Performs as Educational Leader: Average of 3.25 out of possible 5  
 » Management Skills and Abilities: Average of 3.5 out of possible 5  
 » Services to the People Served: Average of 3.75 out of possible 5  
 » Fiscal Management: Average of 3.75 out of possible 5  
 » Personal and Professional At-

tributes: Average of 4.25 stars out of possible 5  
 » Community and Public Relations: Average of 3.75 stars out of possible 5  
 » Effective Leadership of Staff: Average of 3.5 stars out of possible 5  
 » Student Learning and Achievement: Average of 3.125

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## Panel hears testimony on gun issues

BY JIM FAILE

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A committee of state Senators chaired by Sen. Gerald Malloy, D-Hartsville, heard testimony from gun-rights advocates during a public hearing on gun issues in South Carolina Tuesday at Coker College.

The hearing was the third the Senate's Gun Issues Special Committee has held across the state. The first two took place in Greenville and Charleston. A final hearing is set for Oct. 27 in Columbia at the Senate Gressette Building.

"The committee will take a comprehensive look at gun issues in South Carolina and the committee is looking forward receiving input from citizens across the state," Malloy said.

Malloy, who said he supports Second Amendment rights, said there is no pending gun legislation in the Senate. He said the committee would not be voting on anything and was holding the hearings solely to gather information from the public about whether changes are needed in the state's gun laws.

Jennifer Pinckney, widow of slain state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, was among those in the audience, though she did not address the committee. Clementa Pinckney was among nine people killed in a shooting at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston on June 17, 2015.

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## FRETS AND NECKS FEST

Mason Jar Me-nagerie performed Saturday afternoon during the Frets and Necks Fest in downtown Hartsville.

Stylists Robert Watkins with The Mail Room Barber Company cuts Mitch Stanley's hair at the Frets and Necks Music and Craft Festival on Saturday in downtown Hartsville.



Dear Bianca plays for the Frets and Necks Fest in downtown Hartsville on Saturday at Burry Bookstore.



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## HPD arrests four, take cache of guns

From Staff Reports

The Hartsville Police Department arrested four individuals, two females and two males Monday night during a traffic stop that yielded a cache of guns.

According to published reports, a Hartsville Police officer stopped a car on Washington Street after hearing what sounded like gun shots.

The officer observed a car weaving down the street and initiated a traffic stop. A passenger bolted from the car in an attempt



## Headless Horseman rides into Hartsville

Community Players present The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

From Staff Reports

With Halloween approaching the tales of ghosts and spooky legends follow. Be prepared for the ride of the Headless Horseman. He will appear at the Center Theater this weekend in "The Legend of Sleepy

Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets are available in advance at Burry Bookstore and Crema Coffee Bar or online at [www.hartsvillecommunityplayers.org](http://www.hartsvillecommunityplayers.org). Tickets will also be available at the box office prior to the performances.





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## Police offer reward for suspect

Concerns for public safety prompt \$7.5K plea for information



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Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark III talks about the continuing hunt for Dontrell Carter, who led officers on a chase before crashing his car and firing at them. A cash reward is now being offered for information leading to his arrest.

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Sumter law enforcement is offering a \$7,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of Dontrell Carter, who escaped into the woods near Dalzell on Sept. 18 after allegedly firing shots at pursuing officers using a high-powered weapon.

Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark III said offering a reward is an unusual step, but he has concerns for public safety because of Carter's propensity to use high-powered weapons and statements Carter has reportedly made to police sources vowing to continue to violently resist arrest.

"He is a danger to the community and law enforcement at large," Roark said.

He said police have also received reports Carter has obtained a weapon similar to the 6.62 mm rifle he allegedly used to fire at officers.

The case began more than a month ago with a domestic violence situation, during which Carter allegedly fired several shots at a home before driving away.

A few minutes later, Carter's vehicle was spotted on U.S. 521 near Dalzell, where Sumter Sheriff's Office deputies joined Sumter Police

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## Clarendon now eligible for FEMA assistance

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Clarendon County residents affected by Hurricane Matthew are now eligible to apply for individual assistance through Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA approved funding for Clarendon and three other counties on Wednesday evening.

Assistance can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster, according to a news release from the agency.

About 245 buildings in the county sustained some type of structural damage as a result of the storm, totaling about \$5.5 million in damage, said Clarendon County Administrator David Epperson. Epperson said he did not have a breakdown of how many of those structural damages were major.

Additionally, the county sustained an estimated \$400,000 in damage to its public infrastructure, mainly damaged roads, he said.

Last week, the county was approved for the Public Assistance Program, in which state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for federal funding on a cost-sharing basis, Epperson said.

FEMA will reimburse as much as 75 percent of the approved costs for debris removal and emergency services related to the storm.

Additionally, county residents who became unemployed as a direct result of Hurricane Matthew may now be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, according to an announcement made by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce on Tuesday.

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance program also is available to small business owners and the self-employed, including contract workers who lost personal income due to the disaster.

Individuals wanting to apply for the Disaster Unemployment Assistance, must first apply for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

## How sweet it is! 225 jobs on the way



### TASTY FACTS:

Local hiring process: Begins 1st Quarter, 2017  
Production schedule: Expected end of 1st Quarter, 2017. Fully operational in 2019.  
New jobs when fully operational: 225

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Mount Franklin Foods brought an assortment of its products to Sumter Opera House on Thursday for the announcement of the start of operations in the former Au'some candy facility in Live Oak Industrial Park in Sumter next year.

## Mount Franklin Foods to begin hiring locally early next year

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next year after company President and CEO Gary Ricco made the announcement at Sumter Opera House to a crowd full of Sumter business people and local government and elected officials.

In August, Mount Frank-

lin Foods had planned to pick up equipment that it had purchased from the former Au'some candy plant and take it back to its headquarters in El Paso, Texas. Then, in short time, local and state economic development officials and others convinced them to stay in the existing facility in the Live Oak Industrial Park.

"Our local team worked quickly and convinced Mount Franklin Foods that

Sumter was not only an option, but the best option," Sumter Development Board Chairman Greg Thompson said Thursday at the ceremony.

"We were told initially, before they visited, that the odds of them locating in Sumter were very low," Thompson said. "We asked for one chance. At the end of the second day of negotiations here, we were told that

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