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Your weekend

Expect nice weather for Memorial Day weekend, mostly sunny skies with temperatures in the 80s.



'MINI GARDENING' WORKSHOP

Join Minnie Miller, The T&D's garden columnist, for a fun and free "Mini Gardening" Workshop at the Walmart Garden Center on Saturday, from 10-11 a.m. The workshop topic is "Herbs ... from start to finish." A planter basket containing five different and very useful herbs – parsley, oregano, thyme, basil and chives – will be given away at the event.



WE WILL NOT FORGET

The Orangeburg Memorial Day service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Park near Edisto Memorial Gardens. Guest speaker will be retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Wayne Murphy of St. Matthews. You are encouraged to attend. Look for coverage in Monday's T&D, which will also include the "We will not forget" commemorative poster.



SAFETY SUNDAY

Memorial Day weekend begins the summer season. A special emphasis on safety is included as part of this Sunday's T&D. Look for information on swimming, grilling, traveling, mosquito warfare and picnics. And inside Sunday's magazine (Section C), more stories focus on preventing mold in your home, positive summer activities for children, living with epilepsy and outdoor safety.



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'Do what's right'

Haley encourages OPS grads to follow their convictions

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
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It's been 25 years since Nikki Haley graduated from Orangeburg Preparatory Schools. On Friday night, the governor returned to deliver the commencement speech at her alma mater.

"It is great to be home, I've just got to tell you," Haley said. "It's a little bizarre."

Addressing the 77 graduates, Haley reflected on her time as a student at OPS.

"I was here 25 years ago. I was not a

brainiac. I was not popular. I actually was the student who made them start doing Saturday morning detention. I had so many detentions during the week because I talked and because I was late. Mr. Connor established Saturday morning detentions just for me," Haley recalled.

Haley said that when she looks back on her years when she was a student at OPS, it was where she learned to "survive and to be strong and be successful."

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A 1989 graduate of Orangeburg Prep, Gov. Nikki Haley delivers the commencement address Friday night to members of the graduating class of 2014 in the school's McAlister Building.

Locals honored for helping young offenders

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

COLUMBIA — Tony Webb failed three grades in school. He says he was friends with the wrong crowd. At one point, he was shot at. He watched a friend die.

He said he went to the hospital where he expected to laugh and joke with his friend who had been shot. He said he expected his buddy to recover.

"When the doctor came in, they pronounced him dead," Webb said. "It kind of really starting hitting me — this isn't a game."

"There was this short, middle-aged, extremely old white lady. She was going to punch me," he said, laughing at the recollection. "I was so embarrassed. I did not want to get hit."

Now a magna cum laude Clemson graduate and Imoco Elementary School teacher, Webb said, "I went along until I found my purpose, and my purpose was to make my community a better place."

Officials with the Department of Corrections Intensive Supervision program said to make a difference, sometimes it only takes one person.

The program started in three years





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SPORTS, 1C Brownell gets 6-year contract

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Need softens anti-tax sentiment

Money sought to pay for critical projects put off during recession

By Eric Connor

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For two decades, the city of Greenville and Greenville County elected leaders have boasted about their streak of not voting to raise taxes — a reflection of South Carolina's longstanding aversion to the role of government.

This year, the mood in asking more of their residents and businesses has appeared to shift as local governments at the ground level of providing services to citizens emerge from the Great Recession.

Projects deferred both before and during the recession have reached a critical point, and they find themselves in unfamiliar territory generally inhabited by

the school district. They must present a case for higher taxes.

The dynamics are complex — an improving economy emerging from recession, rising health and benefit costs, the political divide between state and local politics.

"You're seeing a lot of local governments trying to figure out how to deal with this environment, and they're trying not to

raise taxes, but they can't," said Norton Francis, an economist and senior research associate at the D.C.-based Urban Institute tax policy think tank.

The recession's impact is elusive to define, but tax experts say its legacy is inescapable, whether elected leaders see it or not.

"There is more of a willingness on the part of elected bodies to look at it now when they hadn't two or three years," said Reba Campbell, deputy executive di-

rector of the South Carolina Municipal Association.

Critical situation

The paths the city and the county are taking are different, but the realities are the same.

Each is facing a critical need. The city of Greenville is looking for \$3.3 million to build a new fire station in the Woodruff Road and Verdae Boulevard area along

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2 GOP hopefuls skipped primary

Bowers cites pastoral role; Mace cites move

By Rudolph Bell

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Two of the seven Republicans running for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Lindsey Graham — Det. Bowers and Nancy Mace — didn't vote in South Carolina's last Republican presidential primary in 2012.

Bowers said he didn't vote that year because he was working as a Christian pastor and didn't want to send the wrong message to his congregants.

Bowers, a Columbia resident who has also worked as a lawyer, said he did, however, "preach sermons that were very conservative in their ideology."

Bowers said he would have voted for Newt Gingrich, who won the primary with a late surge, if he hadn't been working as a pastor.

Mace said she volunteered for Ron Paul's presidential campaign in 2012 but didn't vote for him in the primary because she and her husband, Curtis Jackson, were in the process of moving.

"We were in that transition period, building a house, going back and forth, and trying to establish residency here," said Mace, who moved from Atlanta to Charleston, bringing her small public relations and marketing business with her.



Det. Bowers



Nancy Mace

BOATERS URGED TO FOLLOW SAFETY RULES

BE WATER WISE



By Nathaniel Cary

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The summer swimming and boating season traditionally launches this weekend as families make their way to the beach or power up the boat for the first time.

But since October, two people have drowned in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes in South Carolina, and 35 have died in the past five years in the corps' South Carolina lakes, which include the man-made reservoirs of Hartwell, Thurmond and Russell, said Tracy Robillard, Savannah District Corps spokeswoman.

Twenty of those deaths have occurred in Lake Hartwell in the past five years, according to corps statistics reviewed by *The Greenville News*.

The recent deaths underscore a need for added safety on the wa-

Area girls' soccer teams capture state titles

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New shark trio now swimming in S.C. Aquarium

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Nason Medical partners in financial war

Majority investors file suits against each other over internal disputes

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One of three men who own a stake in Nason Medical Center claims its part-

ner company is insolvent, that the business is unable to pay outstanding bills in excess of \$1.2 million and that its chief executive officer has manipulated accounts to distort their true value.

The allegations are outlined in a lawsuit filed in Charleston County court last month by Fariborz Ghadar, who owns a third of Bankfield Holding Company — a limited liability company established in 2008. Bankfield finances five Nason Medical Centers in the Lowcountry.

Dr. Barton Nason and CEO Bob Hamilton, who also each own one-third of Bankfield, filed a suit against Ghadar in January for attempting to "create financial distress," for making "unreasonable demands" and acting "in an unprofessional, crass and abusive manner to key employees."

In turn, Ghadar filed a countersuit against his partners. He claims that Hamilton repeatedly attempted to represent the value of the company by as much as \$300,000 to make it appear more profitable than it actually was. He also said Hamilton fired a former human resources director after she advised the partners that the company was not "properly paying overtime to Bankfield's physician assistants," according to the complaint.

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Fanfare kicks off Spoleto festivities



Jason Hortin of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago dances an excerpt from Paoepepluto at the 2014 Spoleto opening ceremonies in front of City Hall on Friday.

BY NICK REICHERT
Special to the Post and Courier

As locals and tourists drifted in front of City Hall, wearing light cotton fabrics, sipping cool drinks and dripping

with perspiration under the midday sun, the 2014 Spoleto Festival USA officially commenced. It was like a U.N. summit of the arts. A brass ensemble of Charleston Symphony Or-

chestra players filled the air of Broad Street with the sounds of pomp and tradition as veteran attendees shared tales of attractions past. Please see SPOLITO, Page A11

On the web

MULTIMEDIA For more photos and a video from the festival kick-off, go to postandcourier.com/multimedia. **MORE COVERAGE** For coverage of the festival, go to postandcourier.com/Spoleto.

Court officials accused of ethics errors

Attorney calls for probe on 'pattern of misconduct'

BY GLENN SMITH
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A Columbia attorney has called for an investigation into the conduct of 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson and Public Defender Ashley Pennington, alleging the pair are guilty of ethical missteps that undermine the pursuit of justice.

Lawyer Desa Ballard filed a complaint this week with the state Supreme Court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel, outlining a list of grievances against the chief prosecutor and defender for Charleston and Berkeley counties. Wilson and Pennington denied the allegations.

Ballard accused Wilson of withholding key evidence from defense attorneys and establishing "an office environment with the attitude 'we do what we can get away with.'"

Ballard described Pennington as a vocal supporter of Wilson who reportedly muzzled his staff's criticism of the solicitor and required them to consult with him before alerting state court officials to any alleged misconduct by her office.

"I regret that the Ninth Circuit criminal prosecution and defense are being affected by what appears to be a pattern of misconduct and I urge your office to look into these matters expeditiously," Ballard stated in the complaint.

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Pennington



Wilson

Lowcountry scenery provides Memorial Day attractions

5 activities to do over the holiday

BY AMANDA COYNE
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Memorial Day weekend is here, bringing with it beach days, barbecues and a blissful extra day off work for many.

While some will head out of town to kick summer off, a favorable forecast and Lowcountry festivities will bring fun to Charleston residents young and old. So what if a few of our out-of-town relatives have de-



Poll What is your favorite thing to do in the Lowcountry over Memorial Day weekend? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

cided to join us.

Here are five fun things to do this weekend.

Isle of Palms County Park

Take advantage of the clear, warm Memorial Day weekend weather with a trip to Isle of Palms.

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Swimmers float and play in the wave pool at Whirlin' Waters Adventure Park at Wannamaker County Park in North Charleston.



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DAY TO HONOR VETS

Volunteers including Phillip G. Collins prepared Fort Jackson National Cemetery for a Memorial Day observance by placing American flags on nearly 2,800 headstones. The ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. Monday.

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'WE HAVE GOTTEN A GOOD BIT DONE'

Ethics reform plan: Is it enough?

Compromise likely will not include independent oversight of legislators

By ANDREW SHAIN
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After 1½ years of talk, an ethics reform bill could squeak out of the State House just before lawmakers go home next month. But it likely will not include

the independent oversight of legislators sought by government-reform advocates and Gov. Nikki Haley. Without that independent oversight, two similar ethics reform proposals from the House and Senate are left that could be

hashed out in a conference committee, said Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Larry Martin, R-Pickens.

Both bills include: requiring lawmakers to disclose all sources of their income as well as their immediate family; banning leadership political-action committees; and redefining political committees so they must file campaign finance-disclosure reports.

A federal court order in 2010 allowed those committees to stop filing campaign reports, because of wording problems in the current law.

"These are areas we have agreed on," Martin said. "We ought to seize the opportunity (to) pass it. We have gotten a good bit done."

Likely dead is a proposal, passed this week by the House, that would create an investigative panel to examine ethics complaints against legislators, judges, the governor and other

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COURTESY OF COCA-COLA RACING TEAM

Food stamp incentives more likely in S.C. than restrictions

Recipients will be urged to eat more fruits, vegetables

By JOEY HOLLEMAN
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In the carrot vs. stick approach for improving the impact of the food stamp program, the carrot appears to be winning in South Carolina.

A pilot program approved by the state Legislature last year to double the value of food stamps used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers markets is expected to be up and

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Project Jackson gets new look

New buildings to create buffer

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Project Jackson has a new look, based on a recent rendering released by the City of North Augusta.

Mayor Lark Jones said this latest drawing was more in line with what the City plans to do.

trying to move along but not over-extend ourselves until the Donohue lawsuit is resolved. We've been trying to keep things going, but not spend a whole bunch of money. We asked them to at least site the stadium for us, and they have been excited about the project and going at it."

River Club resident Steve Donohue filed a lawsuit against the City of North Augusta earlier this year. His complaints included challenging the validity of an ordinance that amended a 1996 ordinance establishing the Tax Increment Financing district to

finance a portion of the project. The River Club Homeowners Association, which was originally a part of the lawsuit, removed itself from the proceedings.

Jones said things such as where the flood plains are and where buildings will be located have been mapped out. Even though they don't know which restaurants or stores will specifically go in which space, they are currently mapping out potential matches.

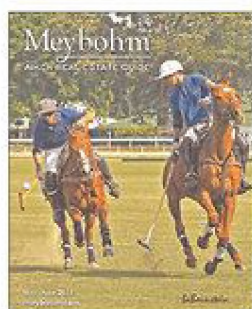
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This is the latest rendering for the Project Jackson development.

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A driver's need for speed

Which Aiken roads are the worst for lead feet?

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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You've seen them — trying to pass just one more car before the four lanes of Whiskey Road merge to two, or weaving in and out of cars traveling down E. Pine Log Road. Maybe they're late for an appointment. Maybe they're just not paying attention to the speed limit. Maybe you're one of them.

The Aiken Department of Public Safety tries to deter speeding, but in many cases officers have to write tickets. The agency provided a list of the top intersections near which the highest number of speeding citations were written from April 1, 2013, to April 1, 2014.

The intersection of E. Pine Log Road and Waites Street garnered 187 speeding violations during that time period.

After that was the intersection of Whiskey Road and Westover Drive, which saw 123 speeding violations during the same period.

In third place was the intersection of Richland Avenue and Linden Street, where there were 106 speeding violations.

Fourth was Rutland Drive and Dupont Drive, which saw 57 speeding violations, and close behind was E. Pine Log Road and Collier Street with 54 violations.

Teague Street and Rutland Drive came in at No. 6 with 43 violations.

No surprise

Lt. Jake Mahoney, a spokesman for Aiken Public Safety, noted that the intersections listed weren't necessarily where the violation occurred, but where the vehicle stopped after law enforcement initiated a stop.

He wasn't surprised at the top hot spots for speeders, and noted that Richland Avenue, Whiskey Road and E. Pine Log Road are all multi-lane highways with high volumes of traffic.



STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Sgt. Chris Hammell and Aiken Public Safety have a variety of ways to enforce speed in the city, including warnings, citations and speed signs.

Additionally, Waites Street and Collier Street both intersect E. Pine Log Road in a school zone. The same goes for Teague Street and Dupont Drive on Rutland Drive.

Mahoney said there was an increase in speeding violations in the school zones last year in August, when schools returned from summer vacation. He said people are typically more likely to be pulled over in the early morning hours and mid-afternoon and evening hours.

There are some periods of "selective enforcement," during which officers look for certain kinds of violations. Mahoney said it's typically speeders in school zones in August, while selective enforcement around the holidays focuses on DUI.

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Top intersections for speeding citations

*From April 2013 to April 2014

- 1 — E. Pine Log Road, Waites Street
- 2 — Whiskey Road, Westover Drive
- 3 — Richland Avenue, Linden Street
- 4 — Rutland Drive, Dupont Drive
- 5 — E. Pine Log Road, Collier Street
- 6 — Teague Street, Rutland Drive



Reid's to close on May 31, reopen as Bi-Lo

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Bi-Lo Holdings has confirmed that the Reid's located at 1048 York St. will be closing on Saturday, May 31, and will reopen as Bi-Lo on June 6.

St. — will be closing for good. Bi-Lo Holdings has not confirmed a date for the store closing, but previous reports said it will come no later than July 12.

The closing is expected to affect some of the estimated 85 jobs that

positions in nearby stores. If they do not find employment at another Bi-Lo, Harveys or Winn-Dixie location prior to their release date, they will receive severance as they transition from the company," said spokesperson Mirveda Major.

stores in Aiken County.

The Bi-Lo located at 1016 Pine Log Road in Aiken will remain open. In addition, the Reid's stores located at 603 Main St. in New Ellenton and at 2587 Jefferson Davis Highway in Warrenville will also close, leaving



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Still up in the air

The state 4A softball champion is yet to be decided. Bynes fell to Bluffton 3-2 in a restarted Game 2 in the series but led 1-0 in the decisive Game 3 on Friday before stormy weather put the game on hold in the top of the fourth inning. Play will resume today at 4 p.m. **PAGE B1**

Fire likely to spread

A wildfire burning in a scenic Arizona canyon is expected to nearly triple in size as crews scramble to get the upper hand in less rugged terrain. **PAGE A6**

Election reform

A proposal sent Friday to the S.C. Senate would both create a statewide model for county election boards, to hopefully remove the threat of chaos, and give the State Election Commission oversight over those 46 boards. **PAGE C1**

No bomb

Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright said a pool purification system with a large container was mistaken for a bomb Friday afternoon at the BMW Manufacturing plant. **PAGE C3**

New home sales up

Sales of U.S. new homes recovered in April after slumping in the previous two months. But Americans are still buying new homes at a slower pace than they were a year ago. **PAGE C6**

Weather

Wallace an easy pick for Hall of Fame



CHRISTOPHER TOMLINSON/GRAND JUNCTION (COLO.) DAILY SENTINEL
Spartanburg Methodist head coach Tim Wallace at the JUCO banquet Friday night at Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction, Colo. Wallace is going into the JUCO Hall of Fame.

Tim Wallace of Spartanburg Methodist College was introduced at Friday night's NJCAA Hall of Fame ceremony as man who has brought his sixth team to the JUCO World Series. And after he was fitted with the jacket, Wallace had an alteration to the introduction.

"I'm not normally a stickler for numbers," he said. "But I have a team here for the seventh time."

That got laughs and a loud ovation, especially from the SMC players who were seated in a far corner of the banquet room.

Having SMC players with him in that room as he was inducted was extremely important to Wallace. He said if his team was there, especially because it would be the third straight time, unprecedented in school history, it would



Todd Shanesy

On the Road with SMC

legitimize him going into the Hall of Fame.

He didn't need that, of course, to be legit.

Wallace won his 1,000th game earlier this season, becoming the third-fastest to reach that number. He is 12th on the active wins list.

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HAVE FUN BUT BE CAREFUL



Boaters celebrate the Memorial Day weekend by taking to the water on Lake Bowen on Friday. Loaner life jackets are available at the landing.

JOHN BYRUM/JOHN BYRUM@SJH.COM

DNR officers patrol waterways

Boating season begins

cer with DNR.

He also said the boats need to meet all of DNR's safety requirements. The DNR

crowded this weekend and said DNR officers will be out in full-force.

"We'll be out looking for people not oper-

HORNETS ARE STATE CHAMPIONS



Dixie High School softball trounces East Clarendon for title

By SCOTT CHANCEY
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The Dixie High School softball team, which experienced heartbreak in last year's Class A state final, redeemed itself with utter joy Friday.

That's because coach Gary Stone's Hornets defeated East Clarendon 12-0 in the winner-take-all contest for this year's state title.

Dixie was hardly contested Friday and scored nine of its 12 runs during the fifth inning. Those nine runs

were unearned.

But this could be just the start for Dixie, considering a good many of its starters are back next season.

As for Ninety Six, which is in the Class AA state baseball series against Loris, coach Chad Ellis' were unearned.

Wildcats lead 6-3 in the bottom of the fourth. That's as far as the game went because of weather.

The game will resume at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Columbia's Spring Valley High School.

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Catfish Crazy



Youngsters ride the Orient Express roller coaster Friday night at the Ware Shoals Catfish Festival.

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Thousands flock to Ware Shoals for rides, food and music

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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The aroma of catfish and funnel cakes and the sounds of music and laughter are unmistakable. It's Memorial Day weekend and, in Ware Shoals, that can only mean one thing: The Catfish Festival has begun.

Thousands of residents poured into Ware Shoals Friday night for the first night of the annual party. Residents enjoyed several live music acts, dance performances, professional wrestling, midway rides and food, including, of course, catfish.

The Catfish Festival will continue today with a full day of events. Today's slate will kick off with a parade at 9 a.m., along with the official opening ceremony at 10 a.m., with activities continuing throughout the day. For a full schedule, visit www.catfishfestival.net.

Ware Shoals Town Council member George Leagans was in attendance Friday night, helping out with different aspects of the event. Leagans has been a member of the Catfish Festival committee for many years.

Leagans said the Catfish Festival is a signature



Youngster William Bowie gets ready to ride the 4-Wheeler Friday night at the Catfish Festival.

event for Ware Shoals.

"This is the big event in Ware Shoals," Leagans said. "It's the 'come see me' event in Ware Shoals. It's been going for 34 long, glorious years. It's an

opportunity for people in Ware Shoals to have some good fellowship, good fun and that's what

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COURTS

Grand jury hands down additional indictment in killing

From staff reports

An additional indictment was filed Friday in connection with an Abbeville murder-for-hire plot that left a man dead on his parents' doorstep.

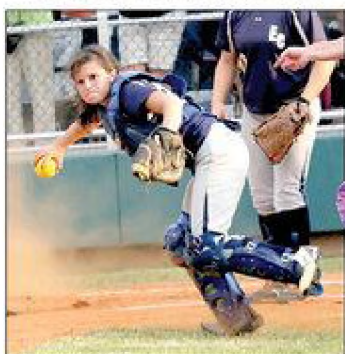
According to officials with the Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office, an Abbeville County grand jury on Friday handed down an indictment against Karlita Phillips, a 40-year-old Greenwood woman, on a charge of accessory before the fact to a felony. She was previously charged with person over the age of 18 years old using a minor to commit a violent crime in connection with the case.

The indictments stem from a March 2013 shooting death along Old Douglas Mill Road in Abbeville. Jamil Phillips, a 30-year-old Abbeville man, was shot dead on the front porch of his childhood residence as he returned home from work. According to investigators and family members, a gunman ambushed him as he slid his key into the front door of the home.

Authorities initially arrested Karlita Phillips and filed charges against 17-year-old Greenwood suspect Tavorous D. Settles last December in connection with the fatal shooting. Authorities have alleged Karlita Phillips orchestrated the shooting by employing Settles to carry out her orders. On April 4, a circuit court judge denied her bond on the initial charge of person over the age of 18 years old using a minor to commit a violent crime.

Meanwhile, Settles has been indicted for murder in the Phillips case.

Authorities have painted Settles as the triggerman in Jamil Phillips' shooting death, and suggested the shooter may have killed the wrong man. Officials think Dale Phillips Jr., Karlita's former husband and Jamil's older brother, might have been the intended target. Dale Phillips Jr. testified he was the target during Karlita Phillips' bond hearing last month.



Tough ending

Lady Wolverines fall in deciding game of 1A state softball championship series

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Less humid with sunshine today;
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Police seek public input on string of shootings

Community leaders join effort to end silence issue

BY ROB COTTINGHAM

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Eight shootings in five months, all within a mile of each other, yet no one knows *anything*?

"It's not just going to go away," said the Rev. James Blessingame of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. "We have to be proactive instead of reactive

if we're going to alleviate the problem."

Officials with Sumter Police Department have been investigating the string of shootings since the first incident in January. The locations of the shootings are in close proximity to each other, encompassing a neighborhood that had grown rather quiet in recent years. Investigations indicate the shootings are connected and are most likely related to illegal drug activity.

"From the evidence we have, we believe that these shootings are retaliatory in nature," said Sumter Police Chief Russell F. Roark III. "The parties involved know one another and intentionally targeted each other. Some of the victims were innocent bystanders."

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2014 Iris Festival TASTE OF THE GARDENS



Bill Moloney, above, cools down during the Iris Festival on Friday.

Baker's Sweets employees, right, set up their tent at the Taste of the Gardens event on Thursday night.

Madelyn and Ryland McLeod, below, share chicken nuggets at the Taste of the Gardens.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ONGOING EVENTS

- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. today / 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday
- Arts and crafts Food Court/Marketplace
- Swan Lake boat ride/live entertainment
- Art of Wedding by Central Carolina Technical College
- Art in the Gardens
- Gateway to Gardening
- Flower Show at Alice Boyle Garden Center, 2-5 p.m., today and Saturday, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday

Today

- 9 a.m., Shrine Day Parade
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Safe Kids Adventureland
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Swamp People's Toy Landry, Visitors Center
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Pearl Fryar, renowned topiary artist, Bland Gardens
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's Art in the Park
- 10:45 a.m., Main Stage, Introduction of Iris Festival Kings and Queens
- 11 a.m., Diaper Derby & Parade, Main Stage
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Quick Start Tennis Clinic
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m., East Coast Golf Cart Show, Visitors Center lawn
- 11:30 a.m., Children's Pet Show, Heath Pavilion
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Head Turners Classic Car Show, Garden Street
- 2-5 p.m., Flower Show at Alice Boyle Garden Center

Sunday

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sumter Cruisers Show &

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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
America will take time on Monday to honor the memory of men and women killed in the line of duty in the United States Armed Forces. Read the story below to find out how local veterans' groups will commemorate Memorial Day, and turn to page A4 to read a Journal tribute to our fallen heroes.

END OF THE LINE: Tigers' ACC tourney run ends with loss against Georgia Tech. **C1**



BOB KANE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
At right, city employees do some ground work at the Walhalla pool complex in preparation for today's opening for the Memorial Day weekend. Foothills Area YMCA is operating the pool.

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Darryl Broome
Foothills Area YMCA executive director



Pool partnership starts this weekend

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — The Walhalla city pool is open for business today. City and Foothills Area YMCA are officially kicking off their partnership in time for the Memorial Day weekend, which traditionally and unofficially ushers in summertime fun for the entire family. "I'm planning and hoping for a big crowd," YMCA executive director

Darryl Broome said Friday. "We'll have fun with whoever shows up."

The pool will open from 1:5 p.m. today, 2:5 p.m. Sunday and 1:5 p.m. Monday. General admission each day is \$3 per person, with perfect pool weather — temperatures in the mid-80s — expected each day.

Mayor pro tem Tjay Bagwell said he toured the grounds Friday and declared the pool was ready for today's

big opening. Bagwell, councilwoman Jennifer Woodward Crawford and mayor Danny Edwards were instrumental in hammering out a one-year agreement between the city and the YMCA. "This has been a great experience on how cooperation should work and what happens when everybody pulls together for a common good," Broome said. "It's just been one of

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Councilman: Oconee doesn't want to be in broadband biz

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Oconee has been unsuccessful trying to find a private business to come in and operate the county's almost \$15 million broadband system and is facing challenges trying to price Internet services, an elected official said.

Councilman Paul Corbett told a Seneca tea party crowd this week

the county does not want to be in the broadband business. The terms of the \$9.6 million grant Oconee received from the federal government call on the county to keep ownership of the system for a period of time.

"We can't sell it for another seven or eight more years," Corbett said. "But we do not want to be in the broad-

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Memorial Day events planned

BY JOSIE RABBITT
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Millions around the nation will pause on Monday to honor those lost in their military service to the United States, and local residents are no exception.

Walhalla American Legion Post 124 will hold a public ceremony Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Walhalla High School cafeteria to honor the 13 legionnaires who have passed away since last Memorial Day.

"Our post has lost 13 members — an unprecedented number — since last Memorial Day," post spokesman and county Veterans Affairs director Jerry Dyar said. "Due to the small size of our post

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History in the machine: Car show kicks off Seneca Fest weekend



BY NICHOLAS FREDERICK
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Plenty of sunshine and the gleam of cars from yesteryear greeted those who attended Seneca's Cruizin' on Main car

in particular caught the eye of many.

Her name is Victoria — a 1957 Chevrolet 150, colored bright red. According to the vehicle's owner, Seneca resident Frank DeLorenzo, it is worth \$150,000.

Local students honored for perfect attendance

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

The old saying "no

nized those students for having achieved 12 years of perfect attendance. That number includes



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Memorial Day Weekend Events

TODAY

Memorial Day Festival: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at James Island Town Hall, Charleston. There will be an art contest featuring projects from island schools, free food, a variety of performances, jump castles and slides, arts and crafts and more. Festival will be at 1238-B Camp Road in Charleston.

THROUGH SUNDAY

Summer Iris Festival: Sumter's Iris Festival is S.C.'s oldest continuous festival and ranked among the top festivals in the Southeast. The three-day festival, which started Friday, includes a pageant, concerts, arts and crafts, flower show, food tasting, crowning of the Iris Festival king and queen, contests and children's activities. Swan Lake-Iris Gardens is home to all eight types of the world's swans, including those from Asia, Australia, England and South America. For more information visit www.sumtersc.gov/iris-festival.aspx.

SUNDAY

Memorial Day Celebration: The Palmetto Social Club will host a Memorial Day Celebration at 7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Hut at 3361 E. Palmetto St. in Florence. A hot-dog supper will start at 6 p.m. Plates with all of the trimmings will cost \$5 each.



MONDAY

National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony: The 10 a.m. program will honor the legacy of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. There will be a rifle salute by the Florence Veterans Honor Guard, and a cannon volley with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Pee Dee Light Artillery. Parking is available at the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, 714 National Cemetery Road, Florence. For more information, call 843-669-8783.

Memorial Day Ceremony: The Dillon County Veterans Affairs Office will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. in front of the City-County Complex. Call 843-774-8551 for more information.

Military Monument Dedication: This free event at Potter Community Park at 6 p.m. will include guest speakers from the town of Elgin, American Legion Post 17 and VFW Post 11095. There also will be music by Renaissance and Hannah Potter, a dedication ceremony for the completed Military Salute



Delmae Elementary School Principal Roy Ann Jolley shows off the school's data room. Each student has a card for each subject so that teachers can visualize where students stand and how they've improved according to data from MAP tests, which all grades take three times a year as a diagnostic.

Individualized instruction

Data-driven lessons show results at Delmae

BY ELLEN MEDER
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FLORENCE — The end of the school year is creeping up. While students are excited for the freedom of summer vacation, some Florence School District 1 teachers and administrators are even more excited.

That's because a team from Delmae Elementary School will be flown to Portland, Oregon, at the end of next month to speak about the triumphs they've had with data-driven, differentiated instruction.

First-grade teacher Jill Russell said that through years of working on a system of analyzing diagnostic tests, she has seen not only measurable progress in her classes, but that her students are "excited about learning, be-

ing challenged and academically growing." She said that's something exciting to share at the Northwest Evaluation Association's 2014 Fusion Conference.

"I am thrilled to be able to present in Portland this summer," she said. "Delmae has had a long journey with data, and we look forward to sharing our ideas, our triumphs and our struggles. I also look forward to learning more from other presenters who may be on the same journey with data."

Data slicing

Last year, that journey landed Delmae with the top state accountability report card in the whole district, a 99.8 out of 100.

But Principal Roy Ann Jolley says the work is never finished with moving accountability targets, and that all year has been

spent working on higher goals.

Delmae's dance with data began in 2006, when Jolley saw what data analysis was doing for the school her daughter taught at in Virginia, and started reading books on the topic.

"The vision then was that we were going to change everything that was happening here at Delmae. Our test scores were going to go out the roof and off the top of the house and all the ways you can think of because we were going to be looking at data, analyzing data, and then we were going to use what we found from the analysis to change the way we were teaching," she said.

But it didn't happen overnight. It took several years of lugging around thick, heavy binders full of data on every class and

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Haley: Let seniors walk with their class

Exit exam shouldn't prevent graduation, governor tells officials

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley is urging officials across South Carolina to let seniors participate in graduation ceremonies if the only thing blocking their walk down the aisle is the state exit exam.

Haley noted in a letter to district superintendents and school board members that a law she signed last month ends the 3-decade-old requirement that high school students pass an exit exam to graduate.

The law specifies that it takes effect with the graduating class of 2015. But it allows former students who didn't graduate solely because of the exam to petition their school board to retroactively receive a diploma.

Haley believes schools should let current seniors affected by the change walk with their classmates, since the law allows them to receive their diploma later anyway. She asked districts to process petition requests from eligible Class of 2014 students by July, to potentially help them secure financial aid for college admission this fall.

"It has come to my attention that the combination of individual district policy and the timing of this act has resulted in some members of the Class of 2014 being excluded from their graduation ceremony, despite the fact that they are members of the Class of 2014 and, under this new law, will receive their diplomas this year," she wrote in her letter, released last Friday.



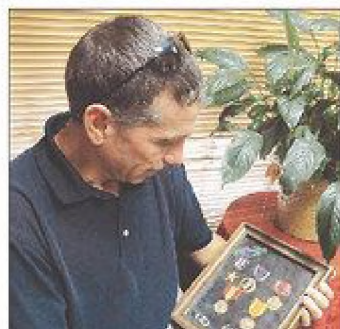
Haley

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Hartsville man to honor his late father at White House

Annual Gold Star Breakfast serves as salute to fallen troops

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
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HARTSVILLE — Frankie Valle never got a chance to really get to know his father. Most of what he knows is from what relatives have told him and from the medals and badges he now cherishes.

Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Luis Valle was among more than 58,000 American fighting men and women who gave their lives for their country during the

ther and others like him who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Valle was one of 12 members of the Sons and Daughters in Touch, a national organization dedicated to uniting sons and daughters of American servicemen who were killed, or remain missing, as a result of the Vietnam War, who applied for the opportunity to participate in the Memorial Day breakfast.

Valle said nothing he has done in his lifetime — from running in and completing the Boston Marathon in 2009 to participating in the Half Ironman World Championship — will compare to his visit to the nation's capital



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