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## More ethics reform needed, some say

Critics want issues such as political 'dark money' disclosure to be addressed

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COLUMBIA — Lawmakers took a victory lap after passing ethics reform last week. But some political watchdogs say that while there are good things in the

small steps taken, there's much more that should be done.

Starting in April, House and Senate members will be investigated by an independent eight-member ethics commission when they are accused of wrongdoing.

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That's a change from being solely policed by their colleagues. Lawmakers also will be required to disclose independent sources of private income, with the goal of revealing any possible conflicts of interest. That starts in January.

"I feel like we accomplished a great deal with getting those two bills through here," said Pickens Republican Sen. Larry Martin, who has worked more than anyone to move the legislation through the Senate during the past four years. "Independent investigations of ethics complaints is a huge development."

Martin said that even if the final version wasn't all he wanted, it was a good start.

"We didn't push to do things overly

fast," he stressed. "I mean, it took four years to get it across the finish line."

The initial appointments of the eight ethics commission members, who will cover both chambers of the Statehouse, will take place April 1. They face a set threshold when considering an accusation of wrongdoing, as six commission members must agree to send the investigation to the House or Senate ethics committees.

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## 'Whom shall I fear?' Church turns corner

Emanuel pastor encourages return to normalcy, worship in milestone service



Doris Sanders (center, from left), Tennyson Hunt and Paula Bradley shared a pew and a spirit of praise on Sunday during a song in the worship service at Emanuel AME Church. The service marked the beginning of a return to normalcy a year after the shooting.

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In a well-attended Sunday morning worship service at Emanuel AME Church that felt like a purposeful return to normalcy, the Rev. Better Deas Clark implored her listeners to trust that the Lord

will relieve burdens and provide comfort. Music permeated the sanctuary of Emanuel AME, and with solo (hymns) added to the band and choir, the gospel tunes exuded a celebratory New Orleans-style flair.

Many regular members of the congregation were in attendance for the 9:30 a.m.

service, though about one-third of the worshippers were visitors, acknowledged and welcomed by Clark and her church. Among the visitors were Mayor John Tecklenburg and his wife Sandy, who took seats in the first pew.

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### Inside

To see a list of upcoming Emanuel anniversary events, go to **Page A4**.

## Massacre puts focus on club security

Worried local owners plan extra precautions

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A week after a gunman opened fire in an Orlando nightclub and killed 49 members of the LGBT community, many in Charleston's nightlife industry are considering whether to bulk up security in local clubs, restaurants and even public festivals.

"Everybody was a little freaked out (after the shooting) because I guess everybody thought that this couldn't possibly happen to us," said Levi Duncan, manager of Tabouli Grill on Market Street. "It shocked everybody."

The restaurant, which also shined into a club, keeps two security guards on the premises at all times and has a strict dress code, especially when it comes to baggy clothing that could conceal weapons, Duncan said.

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## Academy seeks land buyer after losing fight

Mt. P. development rejected, but school still needs income

BY DAVID SLADE  
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MOUNT PLEASANT — A heated, months-long fight over a plan to build homes on a private school's land ended acrimoniously this week, but the fate of the school, and its land, went unresolved.

Now that Trident Academy's plan to sell its land to a developer has been scuttled by Town Council, officials at the nonprofit school for children with learning disabilities said they will search for another way to turn the property into money needed for the school's financial survival.

A plan to build homes on the 6.5-acre property off Wakedaw Road, currently open space and a soccer field leased by Mount Pleasant for recreation, was vigorously opposed by neighbors. On Tuesday, council refused to change Mount Pleasant's land-use plan to allow a proposed 19-home development there, in a 5-4 vote.

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## How gun rights gained ground in U.S.

Fewer own firearms, but history reveals a shift in opinions

BY MATT SEDENSKY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wherever you look in this nation born of a bloody revolution of musket fire, chances are there's sharp disagreement over firearms. Democrats war with Republicans, and small towns are against cities. Women and men are at odds, as are blacks and whites and old and young. North clashes with South, East with West.

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"Today, in a country of hundreds of millions of guns, public opinion and interpretation of the law have shifted so much that outright gun bans are unthinkable. It's true that large segments of the public have expressed support for some aspects of gun regulation — but when Americans have been asked to say which is more

important, gun control or gun rights, they trend toward the latter.

That shift has come, perhaps surprisingly, as fewer Americans today choose to keep a gun in their home. The General Social Survey, a massive study undertaken by NORC at the University of Chicago since 1972 and one of the foremost authorities on gun ownership, found 31 percent of households had guns in 2014. That was down from a high of 50.4 percent in 1977.

"Institutions have repeated, 'More guns, less crime. More guns, less crime,' over and over again for almost 40 years, and it's hard to turn that belief around in any easy way," said Joan Burbick, an emeritus professor at Washington State University who wrote "Gun Show Nation: Gun Culture and American Democracy" and who owns a gun for hobby shooting.

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Columbia's Dustin Johnson finally breaks through to win 1st major championship, 1B



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# 1st Richland vote on taxes for dam repairs is Tuesday

It's the Midlands' first referendum to repair dams

A 'yes' vote could add up to \$3,500 to annual property tax bills, possibly for 30 years

Voters in each area must agree to proposal; only those neighborhoods would be taxed

BY TIM FLACH  
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Four small neighborhoods are in the forefront of developing a way to repair some of the 45 Richland County dams destroyed or severely damaged by floods from record rain in October.

Homeowners in each of the Northeast Richland neighborhoods will go to the polls in the

next two months to decide whether to tax themselves extra – possibly for as long as three decades – to replace dams that either broke or need strengthening.

In three of the four areas, houses now ring an empty lake bed. A "yes" vote would restore the dams and bring back water. Beaver Lake's dam, which still holds back water, would be strengthened.

The first vote occurs Tuesday

in the Upper Rockyford Lake neighborhood of the Forest Acres area.

It will be followed by a similar ballot Aug. 23 in three areas: those adjoining Lower Rockyford Lake, Cary Lake in Arcadia Lakes and Beaver Lake in WildeWood. Although the ballots are simultaneous, each neighborhood will decide separately on the plan.

SEE DAMS, 7A

## Who votes when

Here is when lakeside homeowners in four Richland County neighborhoods cast ballots on allowing themselves to be taxed extra for dam repairs:

**Tuesday:** Upper Rockyford Lake

**Aug. 23:** Cary Lake, Lower Rockyford Lake and Beaver Lake



Through the MOMS Program at LRADAC, Maryha Kelly was able to recover from being addicted to drugs and deliver a son, Maison, into a healthy environment.



## REPAIRING ROADS \$88 MILLION I-77 PROJECT READY

Resurfacing of I-77 from I-20 to Blythewood – plus some widening – is set to start Monday, 3A

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**USA TODAY** SENATE POISED FOR MORE GUN-CONTROL VOTES **PAGE 1B**

"So, it's not the guns. If someone wants to do you in, you're done."

**FRED BABB**  
SON WAS KILLED IN SHOOTING ON JUNE 5



Thomas "Nolan" Baab lost his son Demetrius to gun violence 30 years ago.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF

## BROTHERHOOD OF SORROW

Brothers lose sons to gun violence nearly 30 years apart

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As brothers, Frederick "Fred" and Thomas "Nolan" Baab have always been close. They've also had a lot in common.

Both are veterans. Nolan, the older of the two, is a Vietnam veteran. Fred is a former Marine.

A thread of commonality between them broke when Nolan's 16-year-old son, Demetrius "Foot" Babb, was shot multiple times and killed outside a Greenville nightclub on June 9, 1986.

Fred couldn't comprehend the depth of his brother's loss until a similar incident happened to his son.



Brothers Fred and Nolan Baab have both lost sons — Demetrius, left, and Jeremy — to gun violence almost 30 years apart.

Almost 30 years to the day his nephew died, this year, on June 5, Fred's 24-year-old son was also gunned down. Frederick "Jeremy" Babb was found shot multiple times on Black Road in southern Greenville County. Fred said authorities told him that Jeremy may have been lured to that area by someone he knew with the intent to be robbed.

Though he died on the scene, Jeremy called 911 on his cell phone and told the operator he'd been shot. He still had a large sum of money on him when they found him, his father said.

His funeral was held June 10, two days prior to the 30th anniversary of his cousin's funeral of June 12. The

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## Easley buys more property for trail

Threatened long-eared bat has been holding up trailhead construction

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The city of Easley has moved to buy two more Wilbur Street homes, which will be torn down to make way for an extension of the Doodle Trail into the downtown area, but the Northern long-eared bat is holding up development of the trailhead, according to city officials.

And the bat may not even be there. With City Council voting Monday to spend \$250,000 to buy two additional parcels for the third phase of the trail extension program, the city will have purchased 45 houses in the low-income section between the trailhead at Fleetwood Drive and downtown. The money is coming from bonds paid for out of accommodations tax receipts.

The houses will be torn down to create a greenspace for the trail to run through. The problem now is connecting the first two phases with the third phase, past a row of houses that the city isn't intending to try to buy and tear down.

Then there's the bat problem. The city had hoped to begin construction this summer on a park at the trailhead, which would require cutting down some trees.

But it was informed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that a threatened mammal, the Northern long-eared bat, may be living there. That means no trees could be cut until fall.

"The long-eared bat is holding us up right now," said City Councilman Chris Mann.

The city is hoping to get help from Clemson University in determining whether any of the creatures are living there. They are listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act because of a disease called white-nose syndrome.

"We basically have to get a batman," Vicki Ciplickas, a member of a committee working on the trail extension quipped.

Some merchants, who have been clamoring for the trail to be extended to bring business from visitors their way, were unhappy with the city's decision to build a trailhead park at the current end of the trail one mile from downtown instead of making downtown the destination.

"I have nothing against the park," Ciplickas, owner of the Starving Artist Cafe, said. "I feel we should be focusing more on getting the trail downtown."

The city has planned all along to extend the trail, but how to accomplish that has remained a challenge.

The owner of a block of houses ap-

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## Twin boys drown after pool accident in Easley

## SPORTS

Dustin Johnson wins U.S. Open amid chaos over USGA's actions on ball that moved on fifth hole 1B



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## DECADE AFTER HOUSING BOOM

## Homeowners richer; renters struggling

Surging costs, stagnant pay and rising home values keep renters from buying homes

BY JOSIE BOAK  
Associated Press

Rental prices and demand has surged in areas that offer the best job prospects as well as those that have been battered by foreclosures

## MOUNT PLEASANT

It's a troublesome story playing out across America in the 10 years since the housing bubble peaked and then burst in a ruinous crash: As real estate has climbed back, homeowners are

thriving while renters are struggling.

For many longtime owners, times are good. They're enjoying the benefits of growing equity and reduced mortgage payments from ultra-low rates.

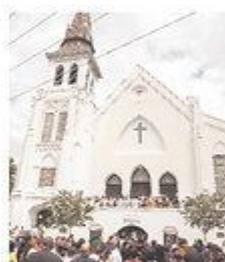
But for America's growing class of renters, surging costs, stagnant pay and rising home values have made it next to

impossible to save enough to buy.

The possible consequences are bleak for a nation already grappling with economic inequality: Whatever wealth most Americans possess mainly comes from home equity, meaning that the increase in renters gives fewer people that same level of financial security.

Nearly two-thirds of adults still own homes. And some who rent do so by choice. Yet ownership has become a more distant dream for the many Americans, as rental prices and demand has surged in areas that offer the best job prospects as well as those that have been battered by foreclosures.

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## STATE

### HONORING THE EMANUEL 9

Days of services and events have marked the 1-year anniversary of the slayings at Emanuel AME Church. 3A



Lee Holyoak, left, and Ross Hendricks pose with their award-winning home-brewed beer outside Holyoak's Bluffton home on Thursday.

## BLUFFTON

## Homebrewers toast to award-winning beer

Lee Holyoak's and Ross Hendricks' 'Black IPA' wins medal at National Homebrew Competition

BY WADE LIVINGSTON  
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Bluffton pair's beer places second in highly contested

Their award-winning India Pale Ale is heavy, nine percent alcohol.

It's a black IPA called 'Black

regular IPA," Holyoak said, his Australian accent dulled by two-plus decades in the United States. "Except there's some malt in it to darken it to the black color that it is."

Last week, he stood in the basement of his Bluffton home

Competition silver-medal-winning Black IPA was made. He and Hendricks, who stood nearby, have entered beers in the American Homebrewers Association's annual competition for the past three years. This was their first win.

It came as a surprise. "(The malt) also gives it a little bit of a roasty, chocolatey flavor at the same time," Holyoak continued. "Beyond that it's going to have some tropical aroma, a little bit of citrus, a little bit of pine in the aroma and the taste."

Hendricks stood near the notable three-kottle homebrew



## LOCAL

### AFFAIR LEADS TO NOVEL

Janice Sisson of Hilton Head Island writes "Mile High on a Millionaire," which she hopes is an inspiration to readers 3A



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## County has low retention, high turnover, official says



Deputy Ruth O'Briant works in the female only pod on this day at the Aiken County detention center.

STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

## Noncompetitive salaries could be cause



Deputy Travis Evans works in F-POD at the Aiken County jail.

STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND AND MAAYAN SCHECHTER  
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The turnover rate of Aiken County employees is costing the county, respectively, almost \$4 million per year, according to one official.

In late May, Aiken County Human Resources Director Gayle Wolman presented the findings of a study completed by the Hay Group, an international benefits and compensation consulting firm, which was tasked with reviewing all positions within the county.

Officials first reported a pilot study in January 2015, but Wolman's presentation to County Council last month was the first time Council members were made aware of full results, she said.

The study showed, in 2015, the county experienced a nearly 20 percent turnover rate, considerably higher than the national average at almost 16 percent.

Exit polls, Wolman said, show em-

ployees are leaving the county for more money.

And it comes with a price.

Wolman found the cost of turnover for entry-level employees was 30 to 50 percent of that person's annual salary, 50 to 150 percent for mid-level employees and up to 400 percent for high-level or technical positions.

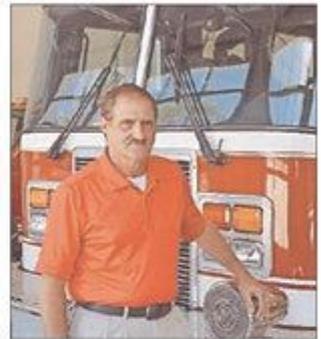
Using these figures and the turnover number from 2015, which was 175, officials found total turnover costs estimated conservatively at \$3.96 million.

The county is spending it annually on things such as training and overtime for people that are covering vacant positions, Wolman said.

In addition to turnover, the study found noncompetitive pay ranges result in suboptimizing service to the community, meaning at times, if the county cannot hire the best person for the job, it will hire the best it can afford.

An example is a position at the Aiken County Historical Museum, where an employee, who worked with

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STAFF PHOTO BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU

Ray Scott has been named the new fire chief for the GVW Fire Department. He follows in the footsteps of former Chief Phil Napier, who was the fire chief for 35 years.

## GVW Fire Department has a new fire chief

Scott aims to grow facility and to get youth trained

BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU  
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New Chief Ray Scott has big plans for the GVW Fire Department, which serves Graniteville, Vaucluse and Warrenville.

Scott, 60, succeeds former Chief and Aiken County Council member Phil Napier, who retired after 35 years of service.

I didn't go out and party when I was young, I would just sit around the fire station with all the guys, and I feel they really helped me keep a clean head on my shoulders and become the man I am today.

Ray Scott, new chief of the GVW Fire Department



seeing police officers with their public safety cars around that area. And I would tell my dad, "That's what I want to do with my life," Scott said. "I was fortunate enough to end up doing it."

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### AREA DEATHS

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Eddie Abney, Aiken  
Tiquan Oakman, Warrenville  
Patsy Clara Slade Ergle, Aiken  
Deaths and Funerals, 6A

### WEATHER



## Council to decide on vehicle maintenance fee

BY DAN BROWN  
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Aiken City Council will decide today whether to establish a \$20 vehicle maintenance fee to be levied against vehicles titled inside the Aiken City limits.

The 6 p.m. public meeting will be held in the Aiken Municipal Building's Council Chambers, 214 Park Ave.

### Want to go?

WHAT: Aiken City Council special meeting  
WHEN: 6 p.m. today  
WHERE: Council Chambers in the Aiken Municipal Building, 214 Park Ave.

allow the City to maintain and

is a tax levied against the more than 22,000 vehicles titled in the city limits of Aiken. With several families owning multiple vehicles, this could get expensive. The fee also will be in addition to the \$20 fee levied by the County against titled cars, a tax collected by the County since 1992.

The vehicle maintenance fee and the Traffic Improvement and Safety Program are critical in order for the

Manager John Klimm.

"We have a great opportunity facing us that we can't afford to miss," Klimm said. "We have an opportunity to build new roads that could help alleviate traffic along Whiskey Road by as much as 30 percent, but it is an opportunity the City needs to act on now. We can't afford to wait."

Klimm added, "The roads program will help the City take a more proactive stance in the maintenance and



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## Army Band returns to Florence

### Patriotic concert set for June 30 at BB&T Amphitheatre

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FLORENCE — The 246 Army Band will be in Florence on June 30 for a show outdoors at the BB&T Amphitheatre.

The South Carolina National Guard's official touring musical organization comprises three separate performing components: the Symphonic Winds, the Palmetto Jazz Orchestra and Moment's Notice, a top 40 rock and country band.

Consisting of 40 members, the 246 Army Band fosters the support of the American people for members of the armed forces and supports many efforts across the state of South Carolina.

Because the concert falls close to July 4, it will be an Independence Day celebration of sorts, said Barry Wingard, chairman of the Florence Veterans Park.

"We'll have a flavor of patriotic concert in Florence," he said. "Florence needs something like that."

Unlike some of the other military bands that have performed in the Pee Dee, the 246 Army Band hails from South Carolina.

"They belong to the state of South Carolina," Wingard said.

The group performed in Florence several years ago, and Wingard said the show was very well received.

"They really enjoyed themselves," he said. "They had a real good turnout."

The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to take lawn chairs and blankets.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

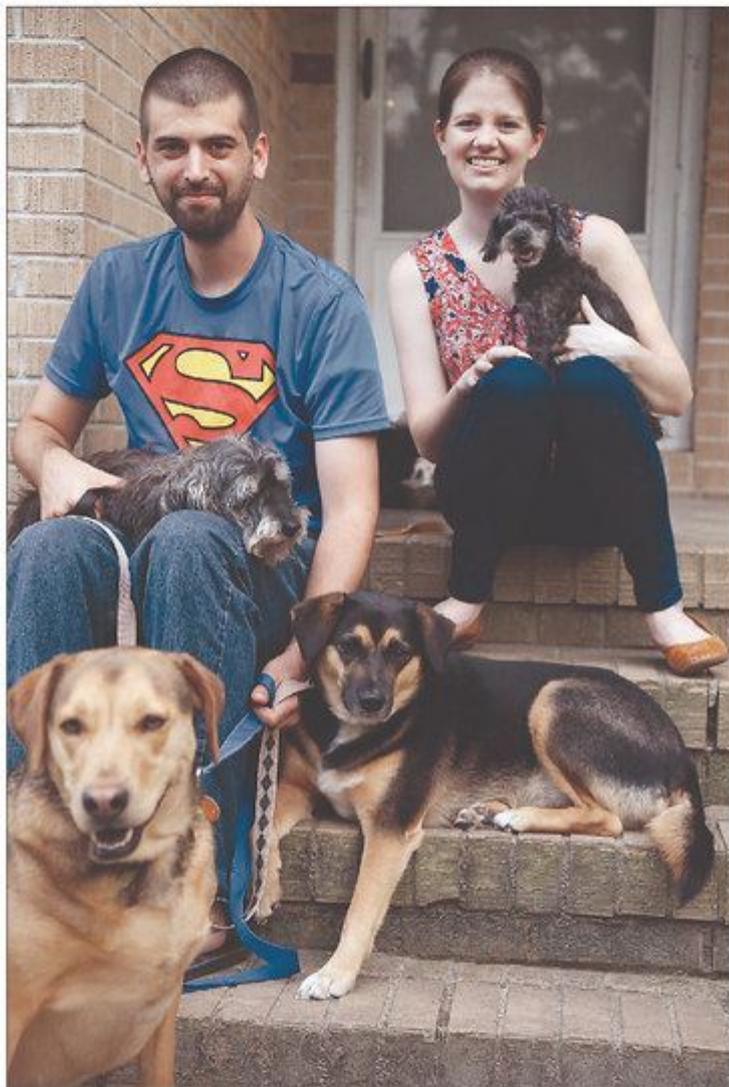
#### IF YOU GO

- » **WHO:** 246 Army Band
- » **WHAT:** Patriotic concert
- » **WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. June 30
- » **WHERE:** BB&T Amphitheatre outside the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center in downtown Florence
- » **COST:** Free and open to the public
- » **NOTE:** Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food and beverage will be available for purchase



Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to news@snow.com.

# Providing a haven



## Couple enjoy taking in foster dogs

BY MEGAN MAY  
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FLORENCE — Brittany King estimates that she has welcomed more than 40 dogs into her home.

For the past two years, King and her husband, Davis King, have been "foster parents" for dogs in need at local shelters.

It all started when Brittany was scrolling through Facebook one night. The Darlington County Humane Society created a post in search of foster homes to reduce shelter overcrowding. Brittany filled out an application thinking it would be nice to foster at some point in the future. The next day, someone from the humane society visited their home to evaluate them as potential foster parents. In less than a week they received their first foster dog.

"We had her for those first few days and we're like, 'Yup, this is for us,'" said Brittany. "That very Saturday that she left, we brought another one home and never looked back."

The Kings have had fosters stay with them for just a few days, while others have been there for months. No matter the length of time, though, Brittany says the hardest part is saying goodbye. Every other Saturday, about 75 to 100 dogs and cats are sent to other foster or permanent homes.

Davis and Brittany King pose with four of their seven dogs. They have been fostering dogs for two years.

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### Boys Scouts of America

## Pee Dee Area Council to honor Rocky Gannon



BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
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FLORENCE — The Pee Dee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America will honor distinguished Eagle and military veteran Rocky Gannon this

year at the Technical College campus in Florence.

Each year, the Pee Dee Area Council selects a recipient for the Distinguished Citizen Award. It is given to those who have demonstrated integrity and genuine concern for others in their

Citizen Award is given to someone in the community that has distinguished themselves with community service," said Barry W. McDonald, Pee Dee Area Council scout executive. "They are selfless in their commitment to oth-

#### IF YOU GO

- » **WHAT:** Pee Dee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen Award dinner.
- » **WHEN:** 6 p.m. social followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday.
- » **WHERE:** Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology Center on the Florence-Darling-



## CLEVELAND BREAKS DROUGHT, WINS NBA TITLE

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## JOHNSON IS U.S. OPEN CHAMPION

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### NATION/WORLD

#### Weighing the risks

A British exit from the European Union could cause global market swings for a while. But that would soon pass. If we're lucky, that is. Much darker scenarios for the global economy are also being discussed by economists as they try to gauge the risks of Thursday's referendum for the wider world. **A8**

### IN BRIEF



#### Box office gold

**LOS ANGELES** — The forgetful blue fish of "Finding Dory" is box office gold.

The Pixar sequel far surpassed its already ocean-sized expectations to take in \$136.2 million in North American theaters, making it the highest-grossing animated debut of all time, not adjusting for inflation, according to comScore estimates Sunday.

The 2007 film "Shrek the Third" was the previous record-holder, with a \$121.6 million debut.

"Finding Dory," which comes 13 years after "Finding Nemo," is also the second-largest June opening of all time, with "Jurassic World" at No. 1. The well-reviewed film features the voices of Ellen DeGeneres and Albert Brooks.

— The Associated Press

### TIP SHEET

#### Today

Spartanburg County Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 366 N. Church St., Spartanburg.

#### Thursday

Spartanburg School District

### DIVIDED AMERICA GUNS

## Americans still split over guns

By Matt Sedensky  
The Associated Press

#### Editor's note

This story is part of Divided America, AP's ongoing exploration of the economic, social and political divisions in American society.

**NEW YORK** — Wherever you look in this nation born of a bloody revolution of musket fire, chances are there's sharp disagreement over firearms.

Democrats war with Republicans, and small towns are against cities. Women and men are at odds, as are blacks and whites and old and young. North clashes with South, East with West.

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### NORTHSIDE INITIATIVE

## Community-driven effort transforms area



Members of the Northside Voyagers, including Joy Downing, Ebony Woody, Tony Thomas, Deborah Moore and Phoenix Miller, tour the new phase of housing construction on Brawley Street in Spartanburg. **TIM KIMZEY/TIM. KIMZEY@SHJ.COM**

### Voyagers encouraged by new housing, rehabilitation of properties

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Debbly Moore remembers growing up in the Northside area of Spartanburg, a once vibrant neighborhood that represented nearly 10 percent of the city's population in the 1980s. Members of her immediate family lived in the

college and when I got married, but I always returned to my home," she said.

Now, Moore is one of a dozen volunteers helping better the neighborhood as part of the Northside Voyagers, a group of trained resident leaders organized to keep their community informed and engaged in the redevelopment efforts of the Northside Initiative.

### DUNCAN

## Suspect sought in fatal shooting

From staff reports

A man died and another was seriously injured in a shooting Saturday night in Duncan, according to the Spartanburg



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County Sheriff's Office.

Police are searching for a man they suspect in the shooting. They say he should

be considered armed and dangerous.

Deputies responded at 7 p.m. Saturday to 930 E. Main St., Duncan where they found one man deceased and another man injured from gunshot wounds.

Spartanburg County Coroner Chief Investigator Randy Bogan identified the deceased as Edilberto Flores-Placios, 48. In a news release Sunday night, the Coroner's Office said Flores-Placios died of a gunshot wound and that the death had been ruled a homicide.

According to Lt. Kevin Bobo of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, the

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