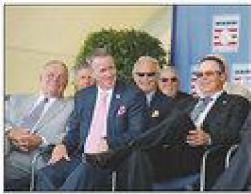


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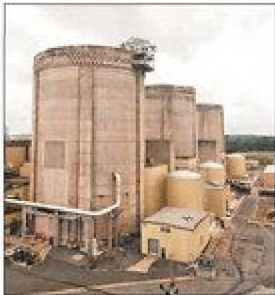
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The crack at Oconee was discovered last November. MYKAL MCELLOWNEY/STAFF

Oconee Nuclear may face penalties for leak

By Eric Connor
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The owner of the Oconee Nuclear Station says it has "additional information" that will provide more insight into a radioactive leak at the plant that forced a shutdown and prompted nuclear regulators to warn the company of a potential violation of safety standards.

Duke Energy declined to discuss details ahead of a conference with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission July 31 to determine whether the company should be cited for a crack at Oconee's oldest reactor.

"Duke has reviewed the NRC's assessment of the event and has some additional information that we believe impacts their evaluation," Duke spokeswoman B.J. Gatten said.

"This regulatory conference gives us the opportunity to discuss that information with the NRC. We will not comment on our position until after the regulatory conference."

The NRC said it will wait until after the conference to decide if Duke should be penalized.

The Greenville News first reported on the November 2013 leak that led to the shutdown of Oconee's Unit 1 — at age 40 the oldest of the station's three reactors operating on Lake Keowee.

In a notice to Duke Energy, the NRC said that the company failed to identify a crack in the reactor's "high pressure injection system," which would provide water to cool the reactor in the event of an accident.

The agency issued an "apparent violation" and ordered a conference in Atlanta on July 31.

"There was no immediate safety concern because the crack was repaired, but the NRC determined that the method used by the plant to check for cracks did not provide acceptable coverage as required and did not identify the crack before it began leaking," the NRC said.

Duke has improved its inspection

Restaurant to anchor Church Street apartments



Construction continues on the rapidly rising apartment units at the corner of Church Street and University Ridge, which will include at least one restaurant yet to be announced, on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. MYKAL MCELLOWNEY/STAFF

\$15.9 million development to have three retailers

By Anna Lee
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The rapidly rising apartment units at the top of South Church Street will include at least one on-site restaurant on the ground floor, the project's developer said.

The restaurant will be one of three tenants that wrap around a prominent corner at Church Street and University Ridge Road, where Charleston's The Beach Co. is constructing a 348-unit housing development called South Ridge, said Dan Doyle, the firm's vice president of development.

Plans submitted to the city of Greenville show 16,000 square feet of total retail space, with 6,000 square feet being dedicated as a restaurant yet to be announced.

Billed as luxury lofts with designer appliances and skyline views on its website, South Ridge will feature a mix of studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

Rents for the 499 to 1,616-square-foot apartments haven't been finalized.

Doyle said rates will be reflective of the market for downtown apart-



South Ridge Apartments, a 350-unit housing project at Church and University Ridge, would include a restaurant. JHP ARCHITECTURE/SUBMITTED

fronting Wakefield Street in the Haynie-Sirrine neighborhood.

Besides a restaurant that Doyle said would complement the area, the other retail tenants would likely be service-oriented to serve nearby employees at County Square and the

The retail space, set off by street trees and sidewalks, would be open to the public, as would a pocket



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Reprieves for three death row inmates

Rulings give punishments another look in Dorchester County capital murder cases

BY NATALIE CAULA HAUFF
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In the past year, three murderers sentenced by Dorchester County juries to die by lethal injection or electrocution have been granted reprieves — one commuted to life in prison and two others granted new sentencing hearings.

"There is an expression that 'death is different,' meaning death penalty cases get more appellate scrutiny than other cases," said 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe, who prosecutes cases in Dorchester, Orange-

burg and Calhoun counties. "This is very understandable given the circumstances of the consequences, but it doesn't make it better for the families of victims who get no justice or closure."

While it's not unusual for capital punishment cases to be sent back for new sentencing hearings or even overturned, Pascoe said, it's often difficult to track down witnesses to crimes committed many years ago. And that's assuming the survivors are willing to relive the crimes by testifying or sitting through another trial or hearing.

None of the three Dorchester County

death row cases involved errors by the trial judge or misdeeds by the prosecutor. Instead, two successfully argued their defense attorneys had not represented them adequately at trial or in the sentencing phase and the third was resentenced to life without parole because of his mental condition.

None of the higher court rulings frees any of the three inmates, although one facing resentencing, Timothy Rogers, could eventually be eligible for parole if he gets life instead of the death penalty.

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What do you think of the appellate process for death penalty cases? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

Gaillard behind schedule

Crews on site seven days a week to meet April deadline



Mayor Joe Riley (left) talks about the acoustics of the auditorium in the new Gaillard Center as Skanska Trident project director Todd Altman looks on. The city has ramped up the construction schedule to complete the new center by the April deadline.

BY DIANE KNICH
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The nearly two-year long renovation and expansion of the Gaillard Center is expected to be finished in time for the next Spoleto Festival USA in 2015, but construction is now going on seven days a week and 16 hours on weekdays.

Neighboring neighbors say they were told the work largely would be completed by January, and they were looking forward to relief from the dust, noise and construction traffic that has



Poll

Should the city do more to accommodate residents living near the Gaillard Center construction area? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

been disrupting their lives since the city broke ground on the concert hall in August 2012. "It's a big project and a complicated project," Charleston Mayor Joe Riley said of the \$142

million center, which will replace the old, cavernous, Gaillard Municipal Auditorium that sat on the site on Calhoun Street since 1968.

The rebuilt 270,000-square-foot building includes a performance hall, as well as space for exhibitions and banquets, and some city offices.

Riley said the building is expected to be finished by April 2015, and must be ready for next year's Spoleto Festival USA, which starts at the end of May 2015.

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Tentative VA deal reached

Bill would authorize billions for clinics

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees have reached a tentative agreement on a plan to fix a veterans' health program scandalized by long patient wait times and falsified records covering up delays.

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., scheduled a news conference Monday to

talk about a compromise plan to improve veterans' care.

Miller chairs the House veterans panel, while Sanders chairs the Senate panel.

A spokesman for Sanders said Sunday the men have reached a tentative agreement. The deal requires a vote by a conference committee of House and Senate negotiators, and votes in the full House and Senate.

Miller and Sanders said in a joint statement that they "made significant progress" over the weekend toward agreement on legislation to reform the Veterans Affairs Department, which has been rocked by reports of patients dying while awaiting VA treatment and mounting evidence that workers falsified or omitted appointment schedules to mask frequent, long delays. The resulting election-year firestorm forced VA Secretary Eric Shinewski to resign in late May.

The plan set to be announced Monday is intended to "make VA more accountable and to help the department

Inside

Charleston included in proposed new VA medical facilities. **A5**

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Gaza war rages despite truce pledges

Talks of temporary halt met with Hamas, Israeli offensives

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
and TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israel and Hamas launched new attacks Sunday in the raging Gaza war, despite going back and forth over proposals for a temporary halt to nearly three weeks of fighting ahead of a major Muslim holiday. The failure to reach even a brief

humanitarian lull in the fighting illustrated the difficulties in securing a more permanent truce as the sides remain far apart on their terms.

After initially rejecting an Israeli offer Saturday for a 24-hour truce, Hamas said Sunday that it had agreed to hold fire ahead of the Eid al-Fitr holiday marking the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. But as Israel's Cabinet met to discuss the offer

and the ongoing war, rockets rained down on southern Israel and Israeli strikes could be heard in Gaza.

Each side blamed the other for scuttling the efforts.

Hamas said that "due to the lack of commitment" by Israel, it returned its fire. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Hamas showed

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Local support



This man was one of more than 100 people who gathered Sunday at Marion Square in a show of support for Palestinians living in Gaza.

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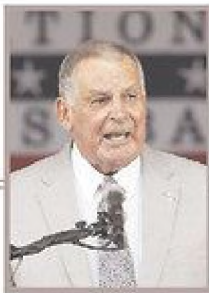


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EXCLUSIVE

Murphy seeks to reclaim school board post

By TIM FLACH
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Former Lexington-Richland 5 school board member Kim Murphy plans to ask voters to return her to the post she was ousted from last year for alleged nonresidency.



Murphy

Murphy is ready to seek election again as a Richland County member on the board despite contentions she lives in Lexington County. "She definitely plans to do that," Murphy's lawyer, Ashley Storey, said. "She's still in Richland County as far as we're concerned."

Murphy is among candidates planning to seek 23 posts on seven Midlands school boards at the Nov. 4 election. Filing for those posts starts Friday and concludes Aug. 15.

Lexington-Richland 5 board members and officials referred questions about Murphy's intent to reclaim the post to district lawyer John Reagle, who declined comment.

The post Murphy held has remained vacant

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Teacher lives on in music, memories

By HARRISON CAHILL
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Many turned out Sunday to tune in to bands playing in honor of a fellow musician and beloved guitar teacher who died last week.

The free concert was held at CJ's bar along Greene Street in honor of Robert Newton III, who died at 58 on July 8 after complications from multiple strokes.

In lieu of a funeral, Newton's daughter, Chakisse, and his son, Stephaun, invited friends, family and former students to remember their father with the rhythm of guitars, singing and good spirits. The event was hosted by a memorial foundation in Newton's name and the Five Points Association.

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Robert Newton's son and daughter, Stephaun and Chakisse Newton.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A ROAD CAN'T BE WIDENED

Forest Drive traffic study to address congestion, safety

By DAWN HINSLEY
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Suburban Forest Acres is embarking on a traffic study of Forest Drive this fall to figure out how to make its "main street" safe and inviting.

The \$125,000 study by the Boudreaux Group will explore ways to ease congestion along the five-lane

corridor while making it more attractive and accommodating for people who walk and bicycle, Councilwoman Ginger Dukes said.

"This is a long-term process," she said.

Widening Forest Drive is considered impractical and probably wouldn't be considered, city manager Mark Williams said.

But Dukes said two suggestions

she expects to hear from residents are burying power lines and installing planted medians.

Dukes said the time is right to look at Forest Drive traffic for several reasons:

■ The private Cardinal Newman High School will be moving from the busy commercial thoroughfare,

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Traffic moves along Forest Drive near Cardinal Newman High School on July 14.

Aid workers with N.C. ties contract Ebola

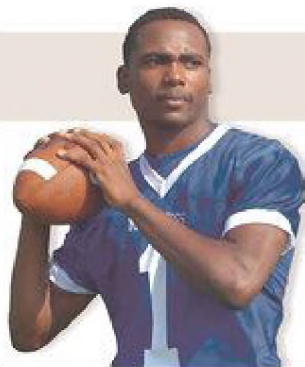
Missionary, doctor in Liberia stricken with often-fatal virus

By KAREN GARLOCH

missionary with the Service in Mission organization working in West Africa, learned Friday she tested positive for the virus. She has been isolated and is receiving care, according to Samaritan's Purse spokeswoman Melissa Strickland.

YOUR WEEK

It's a big week for music, with Steely Dan and Maxwell coming to town, and loads of entertainment at the annual Brew at the Zoo on Friday. Also, find out where to catch an early



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Great War: 100 years later

BY JIM WARREN
Lexington Herald-Leader

(MCT) — Disaster struck the world 100 years ago this week, leading to millions of deaths, wrecking cities, ripping old nations apart and creating new ones, overturning empires and the monarchs that led them, sweeping away traditional customs and values, and changing the world in ways that still affect us today.

On July 28, 1914, the Austro-Hungarian Empire declared war on the tiny nation of Serbia. Within a few days, the world's greatest powers were at each other's throats.

Thus began the Great War, or as we now remember it, World War I.

The centenary has been generating new books, news stories and analyses. But why should we care about something that happened a century ago?

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'At the speed of crime'

Officers patrol on a new set of wheels



STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Cpl. Demetrick Drumming is a bike patrol officer for Aiken Public Safety. Some officers patrol their assigned area on bike at different times of the day and year, and can be seen in different neighborhoods around Aiken.

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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They cruise the streets of Aiken on two wheels, but they have the same authority and duties as their colleagues on four wheels.

Aiken Public Safety bike patrol officers can be seen pedaling through a variety of neighborhoods, from Crosland Park to downtown.

Lt. Karl Odenthal, who is in charge of the bike patrols, said the agency has had the patrols "in one form or another" since 1994.

As the administrations have changed, so has the program, he said. This included expanding some patrol zones, some of which weren't conducive for bike riding.

"It ended up going a different route, where they weren't riding as much," Odenthal said, adding that the program decreased in presence over the years. "We're not where we were, but we're gearing up back to more bike patrols."

The officers on bike patrol have additional responsibilities now.

"Earlier in its inception, we had guys assigned to specific neighborhoods, and their primary way of getting around was the bike," Odenthal said. "Now we do other things in addition to that."

Bike patrol officers may handle traffic enforcement, complete extractions or work parades. Odenthal said it's up to an individual officer to choose how he patrols his assigned area, whether it's on foot, on bicycle or in a car.

Officers go on bike patrols throughout the year, but again, it depends on an individual officer and whether he prefers to ride in cold weather or hot weather. Officers on bike patrol at night typically ride in pairs, Odenthal said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Cpl. Demetrick Drumming, left, and Public Safety Officer Jason Griffin are bike patrol officers for Aiken Public Safety. Some officers have the option of choosing how they patrol their assigned area, whether it's by foot, by car or by bike, as long as they are certified in bike patrols.

Sky's the limit for new GED earner

BY DEDE BILES
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While her infant daughter Sky

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Obama presses Israel for plan

No agreements
have been reached
on a cease-fire

By JOEL GREENBERG
McClatchy Foreign Staff

JERUSALEM — As attempts to extend a pause in fighting in the Gaza Strip collapsed on Sunday, President Barack Obama pressed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to agree to an immediate cease-fire, calling it a "strategic imperative," the White House said.

The intervention by Obama came after the United Nations failed to get Israel and Hamas to extend a "humanitarian pause" in combat, and Israeli forces resumed their bombardments in response to renewed rocket and mortar fire from Gaza.

In a phone call with Netanyahu, Obama "made clear the strategic

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Israel and Hamas are holding out for bigger gains in the Gaza war, helping explain the failure of the world's most influential diplomats to broker even a precursor to a lasting cease-fire.

Hamas wants to break the seven-year blockade of Gaza and believes the only way to force serious negotiations on ending the closure is to keep fighting. Israel wants more time to destroy Hamas' rocket arsenal and military tunnels and to inflict enough pain to deter the Islamic militant group from launching rocket attacks in the future. In a further complication, regional rivals have lined up on opposite sides and no trusted mediator has emerged.

For more about what each side wants and the roles of other countries involved, go to **7A**.

59TH ANNUAL BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL

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Sunday's events, go to
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FAREWELL to the FLEET



THEOPHIL SYSEO • Staff photos

A wreath from the R/V Silver Crescent is placed in the Beaufort River during Sunday's Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Boats at the 59th Annual Beaufort Water Festival at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

PARADE OF BOATS CARRIES FESTIVAL TO ITS END

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About 25 boats circled in front of Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park on Sunday, each one slowing as it passed the Rev. Paul MacNeil and received his blessing.

The 59th Annual Beaufort Water Festival culminated on the Beaufort River with the traditional Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Boats.



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MacNeil, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church on Lady's Island, sprinkled the boats with holy water, then waved as they sailed off. Colorful flags and inflatable pool toys decked some of the boats,



Father Paul MacNeil of St. Peter's Catholic Church on Lady's Island, right, waves Sunday after blessing the Gracie Belle shrimp boat.

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With dip in funding, Beaufort County suspends accommodations-tax grants

By ZACH MURDOCK

funding for area chambers of com- ceeds accordingly.

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2 US aid workers infected with Ebola

The Associated Press

BOONE, N.C. — A second American aid worker has tested positive for the Ebola virus at the same hospital in Liberia where an American doctor became infected while helping to combat an outbreak of the deadly disease, a relief group official said Sunday.

Ken Isaacs, a vice president of Samaritan's Purse, told The Associated Press that Dr. Kent Brantly — the 33-year-old medical director for the group's Ebola care center on the outskirts of the Liberian capital of Monrovia — was stable and in very serious condition.

"We are hopeful and prayerful," Isaacs told AP by telephone from the group headquarters in Boone, N.C. He said the doctor quickly recognized the symptoms and sought speedy treatment.

Isaacs identified the second American, Nancy Whitebol, as a worker with an allied aid group SIM, or Serving in Mission, which runs the hospital where Samaritan's Purse has an Ebola care center on the grounds. He said she was in stable and serious condition.

"She is showing full symptoms of the disease," Isaacs said. He added that Whitebol had been working as a hygienist who decontaminated those entering and leaving the Ebola care area at the hospital.

He said both Americans have since been isolated and are under intensive treatment.

Isaacs said the fact that health care workers have been infected underscores the severity of the West Africa outbreak that has killed hundreds in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

The highly contagious virus is one of the most deadly diseases in the world. The World Health Organization said the outbreak is the largest ever recorded.

War rages between Israel, Hamas

Sides exchange fire despite promises of truce ahead of Muslim holiday

By ARON HELLER
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel and Hamas launched new attacks Sunday in the raging Gaza war, despite each side offering different truces to temporarily halt nearly three weeks of fighting ahead of a major Muslim holiday.

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Each side blamed the other for scuttling the efforts.

Hamas said that "due to the lack of commitment" by Israel, it resumed its fire. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Hamas showed it could not be trusted after it violated other cease-fire efforts.

"Israel is not obliged and is not going to let a terrorist organization decide when it's convenient to fire at our cities, at our people, and when it's not," Netanyahu told "Fox News Sunday."

International diplomats had hoped a temporary lull could be expanded into a more sustainable truce to end the bloodshed and U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon urged the



SEBASTIAN SCHEINE/AP

Israeli soldiers carry the coffin of Staff Sgt. Amit Yeori, 20, during his funeral in Jerusalem Sunday. Yeori was killed in fighting in Gaza Friday.

sides on Sunday to accept a 24-hour break in fighting.

The 20-day war has killed more than 1,030 Palestinians, mainly

civilians, according to Palestinian health officials. Israel has lost 43

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Family calls farm its Kornerstone

Chores teach youngsters about healthy lifestyle

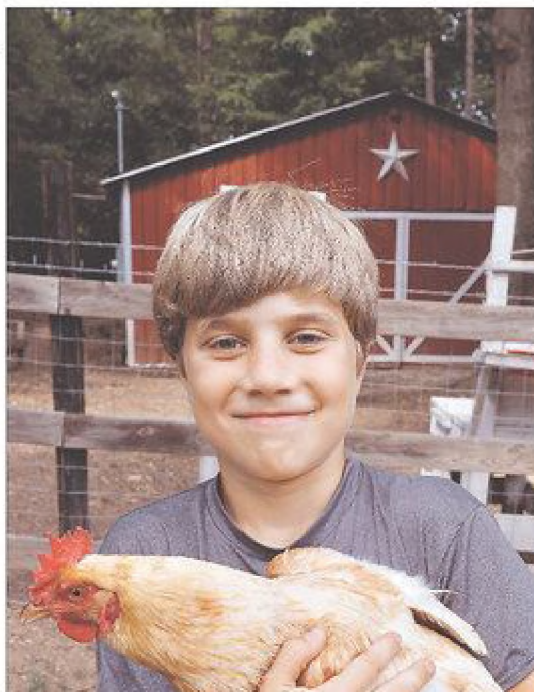
By JENNY ARNOLD
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WOODRUFF The mouth-watering smell of slow-smoked chicken, rubbed with spices and garlic, fills the dining room at the home of Jason and Chris Kaiser in Woodruff.

Their son, Christian, 8, tries to carve a bit off while waiting for the family of 10 to sit down to eat. Dad Jason takes over the carving utensils, and Christian snatches a small piece of chicken, quickly popping it into his mouth. At the kitchen counter, Caitlin chops lettuce and tomatoes from the garden for a side salad.

Christian and his six siblings are different than some children their age, as he, Ellison, 2, Gracyn, 5, Ben, 10, Nathan, 12, Caitlin, 14, and Megan, 17, had a hand in raising the chicken and vegetables on the dinner table.

Four years ago, the Kaisers lived in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Neither Jason nor



YOUNG FARMERS

About this series
This is the fifth in a series of stories profiling young farmers in Spartanburg County.

Ukraine fights for control of crash site

By PETER LEONARD
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Ukrainian armed forces mounted a major onslaught against pro-Russian separatist fighters Sunday in an attempt to gain control over the area where a Malaysia Airlines plane was downed earlier this month.

The U.S. State Department, meanwhile, released satellite images that it says back up its claims that rockets have been fired from Russia into eastern Ukraine and heavy artillery for separatists has also crossed the border.

A four-page document released by the State Department seems to show blast marks from where rockets were launched and craters where they landed. Officials said the images, sourced from the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, show heavy weapons fired between July 21 and July 26 — after the July 17 downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

Moscow has angrily denied allegations of Russia's involvement in eastern Ukraine. Russia's

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■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Iva police chief arrested, suspended

From staff reports

The police chief for the town of Iva was taken into custody Saturday afternoon by Anderson County sheriff deputies on charges of criminal domestic violence and assault and battery — third degree.

Around 2:25 p.m., deputies responded to 1022 Hampton St. in Iva regarding a domestic dispute. Once on scene, deputies spoke with Chief Thomas Eugene Miller's wife and 14-year-old son.

Based on information provided in the investigation, Miller, 39, was taken into custody and transported to the Anderson County Detention Center.

According to the arrest warrants, Miller intentionally committed battery on the 14-year-old by striking him multiple times with a piece of wood causing minor lacerations to the victim's arms.

He also caused physical harm or injury or offered or attempted to cause physical harm or injury to his wife, Sharon Miller, by grabbing and throwing her in an aggressive manner, causing her to be in fear of physical harm or injury.

According to a report by FOX Carolina, Iva town councilwoman Mary Forrester confirmed the chief was suspended pending the outcome of the investigation.

Forrester said the council and Mayor Bobby Gentry were expected to discuss the issue further on Monday. An interim chief has not yet been named, according to the news report.

■ COMMUNITY SERVICE

Greenwood County hails new litter pickup program

By FRANK BUMB

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More than 169 13-gallon bags of trash spread over 10.3 miles have disappeared from highways in Greenwood County during the past three months.

Perhaps the best part? It hasn't cost Greenwood County taxpayers a dime more to beautify long stretches of roads.

The efficient effort comes through cooperation between Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Agent Richard Williams and County Manager Toby Chappell.

"About four or five months ago, I talked to Richard Williams about maybe utilizing the number of community service workers his office handles," Chappell said. "That conversation was the genesis of the problem to deal with the trouble with litter on our highways."

From the conversations a new program was born. Larry Faison leads a group of community service workers or parolees to a targeted stretch of highway.

"It's the first Saturday every month," Chappell said. "He's already picked out the area they're going to work on."

Chappell said he did not know if the program had occurred in the past but it is the first time it has been instituted since he became county manager.

"I think, previously, local civic organizations would do (the litter cleanup)," Chappell said. "That program hasn't really been optimized in the recent past. So the problem didn't go away."

Chappell cited the 2,197 gallons of trash



GLEAMNS campers work on art projects at the Magic Johnson Foundation summer program Wednesday.

SUMMER OF LEARNING

GLEAMNS teams up with Magic Johnson Foundation for enrichment program

By KATE HRUBY

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The Magic Johnson Foundation once again teamed up with GLEAMNS to host a summer enrichment program for 20 local students this summer.

Located primarily at the Community Empowerment Center, the camp wrapped up on Friday, occurring Monday through Thursday each week starting June 10.

Program director James Wilson said the camp provided classroom and computer instruction for underprivileged students, while it also focused on increasing financial, technological and reading efficiency, as well as career awareness. Additionally, students engaged in recreational activities such as artistic projects and athletics.

"We provide a safe haven for them to come, learn and enjoy themselves," Wilson said.

The program, according to Wilson, included classroom instruction in science, math, history, reading and writing. He said a local retired teacher came in to help with instruction every Tuesday.

Additionally, the Greenwood Arts Center coordinated an outreach effort, providing artistic instruction to campers every Monday and Wednesday throughout the camp.

This year, for the first time, the camp featured a career exploration component. Wilson said a representative from Job Corps, a government program that provides free career education and training, spoke to campers on July 16 about various career opportunities.

To promote reading proficiency, the Greenwood Bookmobile frequented the program every Wednesday.

The program also introduced students to their peers from other schools across the community.

Aleza Klugh, a Brewer Middle School student, has attended the program for the past three years. In addition to enjoying the classroom instruction, Klugh said it allowed her to keep up with friends at other schools.

"I like writing in journals and being able to hang out with my friends," Klugh said.

Brazil Oliver, a Northside Middle School student, concurred.

"I like meeting new people and making friends," Oliver said.

Talley's theater roots were planted in Greenwood

By JOSEPH SITARZ

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Quentin Talley got his first taste of theater at Mathews Elementary School in Greenwood. The Greenwood native has been able to parlay his love for theater into On Q Performing Arts Inc., a successful nonprofit black theater company in Charlotte.

Talley was born and raised in Greenwood and attended Mathews, Brewer (Middle) Intermediate, Emerald Junior High and Emerald High School. Those are the places where he discovered his love for theater. He was in the gifted and talented program in Greenwood School District 40. He also performed

of sparked my interest."

By the time he was in fifth grade, Talley was the lead in "The Big Bad Wolf" at Greenwood Community Theatre. He won an award for that role.

"That was kind of cool," Talley said. "That sparked something that we might have something here ... something to fall back on."

When Talley was at Greenwood Community Theatre, Myra Greene was executive and artistic director.

"He's a go-getter and he's a good guy," said Greene, who is director of alumni affairs at Lander University and is often a guest director at GCT. "He's very personable. He's very talented. I really liked him. He's one of those people you don't forget. He's a big personality, very



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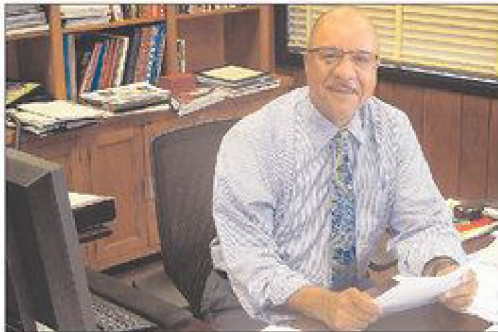
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SC State president optimistic after turbulence



Thomas Elzey, the president of South Carolina State University, poses at his desk after an Associated Press interview Tuesday in his campus office in Orangeburg, S.C.

The Associated Press

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Events

Farmers market in downtown Florence: 3-7 p.m. each Wednesday on the breezeway in the 100 block of West Evans Street and public parking lot nearby. Market features an array of local produce and products. Patrons can peruse a variety of items, including locally grown produce, various meats, cheeses and dairy products, artisan craft items and more. Vendors will be accepting EBT. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page by searching "Downtown Farmers Market." Information is expected to be placed on the city's website, www.cityofflorence.com.

"Ride in Movie" Night: 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Black Jack Harley Davidson. There will be a showing of the documentary "Why We Ride."

A Taste of Ashton's Business Expo and Wine Tasting: 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Ashton's Upscale Social Club, Palmetto Housing and Rehabilitation, a nonprofit organization to help assist inmates re-entering society to become productive citizens, will launch its organization and programs. Finger foods, appetizers and tapas will be provided by area cooks and caterers. Admission is \$5 per person and \$15 for vendors. For vendor registration and additional information, call 843-206-7355.

Celebrate Reading with Chick-fil-A and Florence County Library System: 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Chick-fil-A at Southside Commons on Irby Street. Chick-fil-A and the Florence County Library System will celebrate reading. The celebration will have face painting, storytelling and balloon sculpting. Meet the Chick-fil-A cow and Dewey D. Fox (library mascot). Bring the entire family for a fun event to celebrate reading. For more information, contact the Greenberg Children's Library at 843-292-7382 or visit the website www.florencelibrary.org.

Market on Darlington Square Charity Carnival: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the public square in Darlington. Individuals, churches, groups and businesses will have carnival-style games and other booths to raise funds for the charity of their choice. The carnival will also feature bingo games, vendors, food and more. Booth space for those participating in the carnival are free. Regular vendor spaces are \$25, and spaces for non-profit organizations that wish to sell items are \$15. Schools, youth groups, children and gardeners/farmers are always free. For more information, call 843-398-4000, ext. 103.

Science Saturdays at ScienceSouth: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the ScienceSouth



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Kim Snyder said her father, Robert Snyder, is the inspiration behind her Flag Bracelet Project. RIGHT: Kim Snyder sends hundreds of flag bracelets a month to veterans across the nation.



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Woman spearheads Flag Bracelet Project to honor veterans

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY

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DILLON

Kim Snyder of Dillon is not afraid to go after what she wants. If that means tracking down 21 music artists, six NFL teams, two national pageants and other celebrities and television shows, she will do whatever it takes to let the world know about her Flag Bracelet Project.

The project began in 2007 after a fundraiser she spearheaded for a single Army wife whose husband was killed in battle. The couple had a young son.

After raising a substantial amount of money for the family, Snyder said she wondered where her next project would

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Burglars targeting Johnsonville neighborhood

Man charged; police warn of more arrests to come

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGEN
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JOHNSONVILLE — The Johnsonville Police Department

Florence County Detention Center and charged with two counts of second-degree burglary. Royal remained incarcerated Sunday afternoon.

JPD Chief Ron Douglas said

arrests soon.

Douglas said Royal was seen by a witness entering a residence through a window Tuesday afternoon wearing a black hoodie. Later in the day, Royal was spotted trying to sell some \$200 worth of silver coins at a

items. The burglars then exited through the window and left it unlocked to return again.

"What I would recommend is that local homeowners check their windows," Douglas said, "because now we know these kids are breaking into windows



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■ No ticket for Shrek over loud musical, deputy chief says

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — A musical being performed in a New Hampshire park has drawn some noise complaints, but the deputy police chief says he's "not giving Shrek a ticket."

"Shrek the Musical" is enjoying a summer run in the seacoast city of Portsmouth, but some neighbors want the volume turned down.

City police and City Councilor Esther Kennedy say they've been getting complaints about noise from the shows. But Deputy Police Chief Corey MacDonald tells the Portsmouth Herald and its Seacoast Online website he has no plans to ticket the green ogre.

Kennedy says she'd like to outfit police officers with decibel meters so they can get an objective reading of how loud sounds are.

MacDonald says police are waiting for more direction from the community before engaging in any crackdown.

■ Man run over by his own truck during road rage

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A man in Florida apparently got a dose of road rage karma when police say he was run over by his own pickup truck after getting out to bang on another driver's window.

It happened Tuesday evening in Gainesville, Florida.

The Gainesville Sun reports 48-year-old Joseph Carl had been drinking and drove into a vehicle stopped at a red light. He got out of his truck without putting it in park and began banging on the window of a woman's car. When the frightened woman drove away, there was nothing holding his truck in place.

The truck rolled into Carl. A police report says he was taken to the hospital where he was treated for fractures in his hand and foot.

He's charged with DUI and DUI property damage.

■ Naked thieves take burgers from SW Florida eatery

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — A southwest Florida waitress has dubbed the trio of naked hamburger thieves who broke into an eatery "dumb, dumber and dumbest."

Waitress Nancy Sanseverio was still laughing after police released surveillance video Wednesday showing the college-aged men — two naked and one clad in underwear — stealing 60 hamburgers from Doc's Beach House in Bonita Beach.

Police say the men broke in early last Sunday and left a trail of red peppers on the beach.

Doc's general manager Lou Bangert told the News-Press of Fort Myers that he's never witnessed such a crime in the restaurant's 27-year history. Thieves have broken in and taken money from the cash register, but he says no one has ever slammed through a door completely naked looking for beef.

■ History buffs? Police say museum's dinosaur stolen

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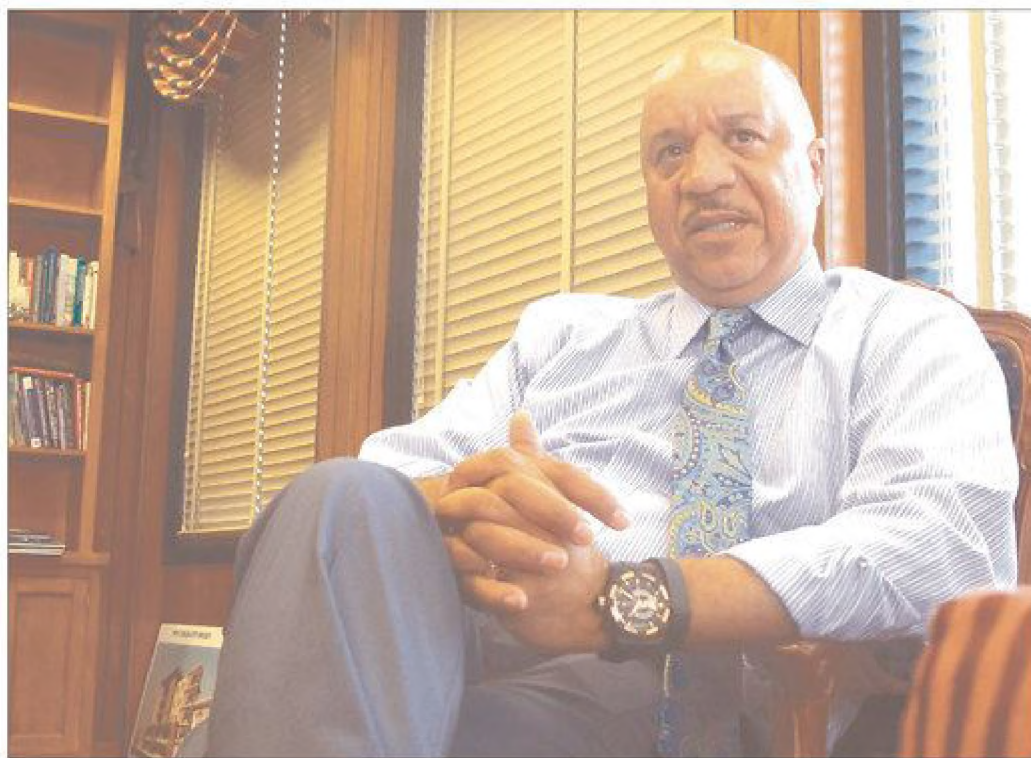
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After a year at the helm



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S.C. State president optimistic after turbulence

By BRUCE SMITH
Associated Press

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Flags fly at the entrance to South Carolina State University. University President Thomas Elzey says the school has had to deal with what he called "a perfect storm" of problems including troubled finances and declining enrollment but said he feels things are leveling off and the university is getting back on track.

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students depend on federal aid, which also took a hit during the recession, he said.

"Most other colleges and universities have endowments and resources they can fall back on. This one doesn't," Elzey added. "We had the downturn, we had no managerial reaction to that and we had federal and state funds that were dropping."

Elzey feels things are now beginning to level off. The school, which ran a deficit last year, this month passed

trative jobs, eliminates some coaching positions and the women's golf team, includes a modest tuition increase and requires a week's furlough for university workers.

Elzey has worked to keep money flowing to the classrooms. "We are making sure we adhere to and maintain the academic quality and standards," he said.

The university has also developed a five year plan to bring its enrollment of about 3,500 up to 4,200 by 2018.

Elzey also hopes that, within the next year or so, a blueprint can be made for a fund drive to increase the university's paltry \$6.5 million endowment. A school the size of S.C. State should have an endowment of between \$75 and \$100 million, Elzey said.

Elzey's work has won support. He was elected president in April of 2013 by a single vote of the board of trustees. Last month, by an 8-1 vote, he received a satisfactory evaluation from the board which voted him a \$50,000 bonus from a school foundation.

The biggest challenge, Elzey said, has been changing the institutional thinking.

"There has been a lot of infighting. I won't deny that," he said. "There have been individuals who have chosen to take a position that their own personal agenda outweighs the university agenda. I was discouraged when I saw we had so many people inside attempting to hold us back."

But then, he added, "we overcame that. Let's just say that out of a 24-hour

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