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NAACP calls schools plan 'horrific, unfair'

Group pushes back ahead of vote on whether to close majority-black Lincoln, Jane Edwards

BY DEANNA PAN
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The Charleston NAACP condemned the proposed closure of small, predominantly black schools as the Charleston County School Board seeks to cut costs to avoid another disastrous, multimil-

lion-dollar budget shortfall.

On Monday, the school board will vote on closing two underenrolled, majority-black schools, Lincoln Middle High in McClellanville and Jane Edwards Elementary on Edisto Island. Meanwhile, a new survey of Charleston County teachers shows that only 6 percent of respon-

dents think the district is on the "right track" in resolving its budget crisis.

NAACP President Dot Scott said schools recommended for closure have "chronically been passed over" for building improvements and expanded course offerings. Meanwhile, Scott said, the school district's budgetary crisis will

cause "minimal impact to predominantly white schools."

"The response to the school district's financial woes is horrific and unfair, but it's nothing new," Scott said in a prepared statement Thursday morning.

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Should the Charleston County School District close Lincoln Middle-High? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

A passion for healing

Ingrid Bonilla, who graduates Saturday from CSU, turns hardship into opportunities and is already studying ways to fight cancer



Ingrid Bonilla's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, leading Bonilla to pursue a degree in biology at Charleston Southern University, with plans to study to become a pediatric oncologist.

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Ingrid Bonilla is a problem solver.

When her family emigrated from Colombia to the United States, Bonilla, then just 9 years old, started third grade in Rock Hill with hardly any knowledge

of the English language.

She couldn't understand her homework — and neither could her parents. Her teachers scrawled red X's all over her papers. At lunch, she didn't know how to open a carton of milk, which is sold in plastic bags in Colombia, so she stabbed a hole in it with a fork. Eventually, a kind classmate

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showed Bonilla how to peel and push open a milk carton's spout. And Bonilla quickly caught up in class.

By the time she was in seventh

grade, she was fluent enough in English to qualify for honors classes. By senior year of high school, she had earned enough scholarship money to attend the college of her choice for free. Soon she will be the first person in her family to obtain a bachelor's degree.

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Chokehold video clip may spur charge

School official was responding to fight

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A high school official in Kingstree who used a chokehold on a student until the 15-year-old girl passed out could face a criminal charge, police said Thursday.

The key piece of evidence is a video.

Officers from the Kingstree Police Department got word of the footage when the girl's mother handed over the clip a day after Monday's incident.

Chief Eric Williams said the investigation was still ongoing as his detectives try to work out a dispute with a magistrate over how to charge the suspect. They expected to "come to some type of closure" on that issue as early as Friday, he said.

The (Kingstree) News first reported the video. In policing, chokeholds have come under fire as a tactic for subduing people in recent years. In 2014, a cellphone video showed the death of Eric Garner at the hands of a New York City officer. Many police departments have banned the practice. In Greenville, the city's police force changed its policy earlier this year to bar officers from using the hold.

The ordeal at Kingstree Senior High School's East Campus started Monday as an outside fight between two girls, an incident report said.

The students jabbed their fists at each other, the video shows. With a crowd gathered around, laughter and screams are heard.

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FBI interviews close aide to Clinton, source says

Sensitive info focus of email investigation

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI has interviewed Huma Abedin, a close aide to Hillary Clinton, as part of a federal investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state, a person familiar with the probe said Thursday. The person insisted on anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. The FBI and Justice Department have been investigating whether sensitive information that flowed through Clinton's email server was mishandled.

Abedin was one of Clinton's closest aides during her tenure as the nation's top diplomat, serving as



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Abedin

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deputy chief of staff. It was not immediately clear whether other aides had been interviewed, or when or if Clinton herself might be questioned.

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S.C. refugee-monitoring plan advances in House

Smith says bill sends 'atrocious message'

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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COLUMBIA — A bill that would require the state to monitor and track refugees who relocate to South Carolina narrowly advanced Thursday as opponents decried it as un-American.

"The simple fact of passing this bill sends an atrocious message around the world of who we are as Americans," said Rep. James Smith, D-Columbia, who threw multiple parliamentary stall tactics at the bill, which he called an affront to American values and



Smith

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a response to an imaginary problem. His tongue-lashing of the bill and its author, Sen. Lee Bright, R-Robeson, prompted dozens gathered in a House of Representatives hearing room to break decorum by applauding. "This fundamentally offends the notion of who we are as a people and I am just beyond belief that we'd be proceeding," Smith said. "I appreciate what my colleagues are trying to do to make a terrible bill less terrible, but you just can't get there from here."

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Four restaurants, bars being sued in woman's death

All served alcohol to driver in felony DUI case, suit says

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Four Midlands restaurants and bars are being sued for allegedly serving alcohol to a woman who then drove her car "in an intoxicated state" and killed a 21-year-old woman riding in another car.

The lawsuit was filed in state court in Lexington County by Bruce Johnson, the father of Olivia Johnson, 21, who was killed in an early morning crash Sept. 1 on I-26. The suit asks for unspecified actual and punitive damages.

The driver of that car, Destiny Mills, 24, was charged with felony DUI resulting in death



Johnson

and was indicted on that charge in December by the Lexington County grand jury. She is now free on \$100,000 bond. Under a judge's order, she must wear an alcohol monitor that will track any alcohol consumption.

Mills' lawyer, Lexington County assistant public defender David Mauldin, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

According to Johnson's lawsuit, Mills and three friends went "bar hopping" at restaurants and bars in the Harbison

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Henson King, left, feeds a crawfish to Jasmine Davis last year during their first visit to the Rosewood Crawfish Festival.

THE STATE: FILE PHOTOGRAPH

TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY

Saturday will bring the crowds to downtown area

From Staff Reports

from Elmwood Cemetery to mark Confederate Memorial Day, which is Tuesday.

At the edge of downtown will be the 11th annual Rosewood Crawfish Festival, where an

Ionian Life Arena on Lincoln Street at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., and at the Koger Center on Assembly Street at 1 p.m. The ceremonies last about 1½ to 2 hours. The doors open two



theState.com: Don't show up and not know what you're doing. Watch the video: How to eat a crawfish

Rosewood Drive and Woodrow Street and runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Folks — many folks — will be parking at the S.C. State Fairgrounds on Assembly Street and hopping a free shuttle to the festival. So Rosewood Drive won't be the only crowded street on the south side of downtown

Jerri Spurrier: Earning diploma is her trophy

Wife of Steve Spurrier earned a psychology degree from USC

She also earned physiology and education degrees at Florida

BY JOSH KENDALL
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One day earlier this year, Jerri Spurrier gathered all the class notes she had taken while earning a psychology degree from USC and spread them out in a room in the Elgin home she shares with husband Steve Spurrier.

"I showed them to Steve, and I said, 'These are my trophies,'" Jerri Spurrier said.



J. Spurrier

The coach's wife earned her third collegiate degree in December, completing course work she began in 2006, Steve's second year as head coach at South Carolina. Jerri Spurrier took classes on campus each fall and online courses each

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Home searched after intruder killed

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Investigators took clothes, shotgun shells and a pair of pliers from Allen Stephenson's home after he shot and killed an intruder, according to a search warrant filed in Greenville County.

Bond Court Judge Leila Foster released the search warrant in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from *The Greenville News*.

The warrant was served after Matthew Whitman, who was armed with a

pocket knife, was shot and killed March 19 outside Stephenson's Altamont Road home.

Stephenson, 32, is the founder of Southern Tide, a high-end lifestyle apparel company.

In the warrant, Sheriff's Office investigators requested permission to search the house, which "resembles the look of a castle," and several outbuildings and vehicles.

Investigators were allowed to collect blood, DNA, blunt objects, knives, gun ammunition, shell casings, computers,

phones and anything believed to be related to the investigation were to be seized, according to the warrant.

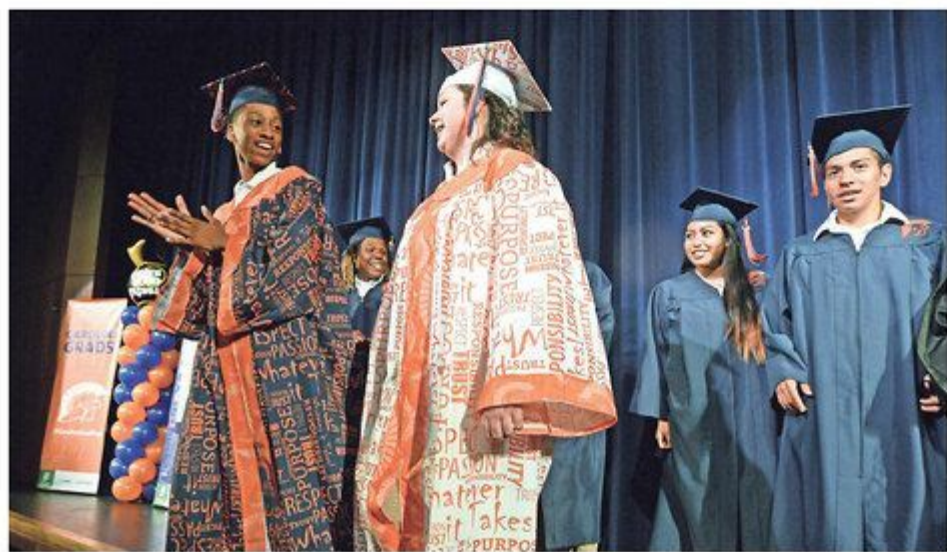
In all, 10 items were taken from Stephenson's property as evidence, including: six shotgun shell casings from the yard; a shotgun shell casing from the home's foyer; a Kel-Tec double magazine shotgun with seven shells left in the magazine; a pair of pliers, an opened soda bottle, pants and underwear from the kitchen and a robe from an upstairs bedroom.

The warrant said Stephenson confronted Whitman on his property while

holding a shotgun and that Whitman "brandished a knife and advanced towards him."

Solicitor Walt Wilkins said Stephenson "met force with force" when he fired his pump-action shotgun at Whitman from feet away and was immune from prosecution. Wilkins closed the case last month, declaring it justifiable homicide.

Stephenson had posted no trespassing signs on his property, and his house sat at the end of a long, gated driveway that could only be accessed with a key code, Wilkins said at the news conference.



Carolina juniors Jamauri Davis, left, and Matilyn Stoneman model the school's new caps and gowns during a fashion show at the school on Thursday. The caps and gowns will be given to Carolina seniors graduating next month.

BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

CAROLINA HIGH GETS SURPRISE

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Stefan Mingo's father died when Mingo was 8 years old and his mother died two years ago, so when he walks across the stage to graduate from Carolina High School next month, he will fulfill a promise he made to them both.

He said that while clutching an orange and blue graduation cap and gown still wrapped in plastic that he had just picked up. It was another step in a journey for Mingo, and for an entire senior class at Carolina, the highest poverty high school in Greenville County, as they marched toward graduation day.

Minutes earlier, the senior class sat in the school auditorium and watched as juniors paraded down a runway modeling new, sleek, custom-made Carolina caps and gowns.

"You think 'Oh a cap and gown is no big deal,' but seeing it because it's mine is actually like... it makes my heart skip. I love it so much."

XCHAUNXZY CHAPPELL

CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

One was blue with orange lettering and words played across much of the gown; the other was white with similar orange lettering spelling words like passion, purpose, responsibility, trust, and the school's motto, which has been ingrained in recent years. "What does it take?"

ing a promise made at the beginning of the school year when they signed their name to a graduation gown and pledged to graduate.

That gown signing back in August set the tone for a special year at Carolina, a school where administrators, staff and students have fought to raise the graduation rate from 48.8 percent six years ago to 72.9 percent last year, with an even higher goal this year.

Herff Jones, an Indianapolis-based graduation supply company, found out about Carolina's success from an article in *The Greenville News* and selected the school to debut a new customizable cap and gown design at its graduation.

Carolina will be the first school in the country to wear them, said Lindsey Richardt, communications manager with Herff Jones.

Trailblazing medical class graduates this week

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This week, members of the charter class of the University of South Carolina Medical School Greenville are searching for places to live, closing on houses, meeting with bankers, getting married and trying to soak up as much time with each other and their visiting families, as possible.

Next week, they'll all be doctors, ready to spread out in hospitals and practices across the country to further their medical education.

In March, USC's Greenville Class of 2016 celebrated a 100 percent match rate, meaning every member of the class was placed in a residency program.

"There's no way I would've expected that," says Dean Jerry R. Youkey. "The only thing I'm disappointed about is it's hard to improve upon."

The more than four dozen students who, this week, will become the first to earn medical doctorates from the school have set a nearly unreachable standard for those who follow. On March 18, the students learned they'd all been placed with residency programs. Historically, only 94 percent of U.S. medical school graduates match on the first try, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Today, the class of 49 will graduate, leaving behind a legacy of leadership, flexibility and trailblazing for the classes to come.

USC's Greenville's curriculum is inspiring change at schools across the country. In their first semester, students begin working toward EMT certification — something only one other school in the country was doing when this program began. Hofstra Long Island Jewish was requiring EMT training for its medical students, but unlike Greenville, Hofstra students were not running routes and receiving full certification.

A requirement that Youkey says has three major benefits: by their first winter break, students already have some confidence in their ability to diagnose injuries, students learn quickly that medicine is a team sport, and it helps them understand the living and working conditions of the people they will

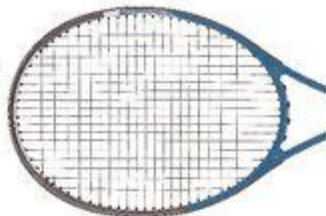
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PARRIS ISLAND

Recruit accused of attacking comrade

Marine recruit Morgan Brown suffered three facial fractures and was knocked unconscious

He was in a wheelchair recovering from a training injury when incident occurred

Parris Island officials allowed assailant to remain in same barracks

BY WADE LIVINGSTON
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A Parris Island recruit is being separated from the Marine Corps after attacking a fellow recruit whose parents say he was in a wheelchair at the time.

The recruit, whom Parris Island officials declined to identify because of an ongoing investigation, was involved in an Easter Sunday incident in the

depot's sick bay in which he attacked fellow recruit Morgan Brown, according to Brown's father, Bryan.



Morgan Brown

wrote in an email to The Island

Packet and The Beaufort Gazette on Thursday morning.

The "offender," Carroll said, "is being processed for separation from the Marine Corps for his disciplinary infractions."

Carroll confirmed Morgan Brown is currently a recruit on Parris Island and that the medical rehabilitation platoon is a unit of Support Battalion. But Carroll declined to provide further details about the incident — including whether Brown was involved in it — because the matter is still under investigation.

"A command investigation was conducted to determine the facts surrounding the incident," Carroll said. "The two recruits involved are now in separate units, and administrative action was taken by the chain of com-

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HONEY HORN PLAN DRAWS FIRE

The possibility that a new Hilton Head performing arts campus could be located at Honey Horn fuels public concern. 3A

WIND EXPANDS MASSIVE CANADA WILDFIRE



JASON FRANSON/The Canadian Press via AP

An evacuee puts gas in his car on his way out of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, as a wildfire burns in the background. Aided by high winds and low humidity, 49 wildfires — seven that were considered out of control — grew to cover 328 square miles on Thursday. More than 80,000 people have been evacuated from the area since Tuesday. See story, 7A



LOWCOUNTRY LIFE

ALL THIS AND AN UGLY DOG, TOO

The 38th annual Bluffton Village Festival kicks off Saturday with food, entertainment and an ugly dog contest. 3C



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FIGHTING CANCER THE GULLAH WAY

Three Gullah women are battling cancer together and will do so using the Gullah traditions of unity and love. 3A

REAL ESTATE

Hilton Head seeks legal opinion on problematic subdivided units

edged the lack of individual circuit breakers for each unit poses a safety risk, and residents have complained for about two years that the low rent for the subdivided condos appeals to

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City of Hartsville

Officials say property taxes to decrease

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Property taxes in the city of Hartsville will come down in the next fiscal year thanks to an increase in revenue due in part to higher tax collection rates, city officials said.

Hartsville City Council

members got a look at the proposed preliminary general fund budget for fiscal 2016-17 during a work session Tuesday.

Property taxes will decrease 3 percent, or 4.27 mills, with total revenue from all sources for the general fund projected at \$9.9 million for the coming budget

year, compared with \$9.2 million for the current year. General fund property tax revenues are projected at almost \$2.7 million versus just more than \$2.5 million for the current year, Chief Financial Officer Shannon Morrison told council members.

Among other things, the new budget will allow for a 2 per-

cent cost-of-living increase for city employees, and it sets aside \$60,000 for merit bonuses, Morrison said.

The budget includes funding for capital expenditures, some of which are covered by grants, as well as \$230,000 for a contingency fund.

The city Council is expected

to take up the budget for a preliminary vote on first reading at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Mayor Mel Pennington thanked Morrison and the council's finance committee for their work on the budget, saying it showed good stewardship on behalf of the city's taxpayers.

Embrace Hospice presents Taste of Hartsville

From staff reports

The 2016 Taste of Hartsville presented by Embrace Hospice will be held at the beautiful Hartsville Country Club on Thursday, May 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Local chefs will provide samples of their signature dishes and drinks during this highly-anticipated event.

The Taste of Hartsville provides an opportunity for both amateur and professional chefs to show off their best recipes to the community, while attendees enjoy fellowship, music, and filling up on the exquisite food offerings.

Opportunities to serve as a chef for the Taste are still available.

Tickets are on sale now for the Taste and are \$35. Guests can purchase tickets online at hartsvillechamber.org or in person at the chamber of commerce. Individuals must be 21 or older to purchase tickets; because alcohol will be served, no one under 21 will be admitted or children in strollers.

For more information on serving as a chef or to purchase tickets, contact the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce by calling 843-332-6401.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Nucor employees walk in the 2015 Darlington County Relay for Life. Nucor Steel-Darlington is the presenting sponsor this year.

Relay for Life is Saturday

From Staff Reports



Members of the 2015 YMCA Relay for Life team will once again have a team at the Darlington County Relay for Life. The event takes place on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. at Byerly Park.

The 22nd Annual Relay for Life of Darlington County returns to Byerly Park Recreational Complex in Hartsville on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.

"We are trying something new this year," said Chinel Boateng, community manager, Relay for Life South Atlantic Division/American Cancer Society Inc. "At Relay we celebrate all cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back for a world with more birthdays and less cancer."

Teams who have fundraised year-long will continue their fundraising efforts at Relay.

This year's event will feature a Kids Zone, Cruise-in car show, Dunk-A-Deputy dunking booth, a host of other games, entertainment, food, and fun for the whole family.

"We thank our presenting sponsor, Nucor Steel-Darlington, and our

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HHS student Stone Martin wins two music scholarships



YOUNG WOMEN WORSHIP GOD THROUGH DANCE

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Trump eyes big fundraising

By Jonathan Lemire
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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump is taking his first steps toward raising the massive amounts of money needed for a national presidential race, aiming to broaden his primary insurgency into a full-fledged general election campaign and unite the fractured Republican Party behind him.

Trump is reaching out to party heavyweights, hoping to

repair his sometimes-strained relationships with the Republican National Committee and big GOP donors whom he bashed repeatedly during the primaries.

But in a sign of the work he has to do, House Speaker Paul Ryan said Thursday he is not ready to support Trump as the nominee. Former President George W. Bush and 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney said they do not plan to attend the party's national convention in July.

Upbeat still, Trump said in a

brief interview with The Associated Press that his message has made Republican "the hottest party around."

"There is tremendous growth no one has ever seen before," he said.

Trump's campaign is trying to convert that energy into dollars.

On Thursday, he named a finance chairman, Steven Mnuchin, a private investor with ties to New York and Hollywood. Mnuchin "brings unprecedented experience and

expertise" to the fundraising operation, the campaign said.

And Trump is taking pains to reassure party leaders that he wants to help Republican Senate and House candidates, some of whom are openly worried that Trump at the top of the GOP ticket will be a dragon to their own campaigns.

"In order to really govern, we need majorities in the House and Senate. We're going to work with the party to raise

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UPSTATE



Couple to open new ice cream shop

The owners of an established Spartanburg business are adding an ice cream shop to the mix in downtown's east end. C1

NATION & WORLD

Fallout continues in NC over LGBT law

North Carolina's prized public universities could be the biggest losers as state leaders defend a new law limiting the rights of LGBT people. The 17-university system risks losing more than \$1.4 billion in federal funds if the Republicans who run the Legislature don't reverse the law. A3



Wildfire in Alberta rages out of control

A massive wildfire raging in the Canadian province of Alberta grew to 210,035 acres and officials said Thursday they would like to move south about 25,000 evacuees who had previously fled north, including 8,000 by air. A3

Iraq defeated IS in Ramadi at high cost

Two months after the liberation of Ramadi, the city

FAITH EVENT

Prayers for community, nation

National Day of Prayer draws crowd to Beacon

By Chris Lavender
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Residents came together outside the Beacon Drive-In Thursday to express support for the community during the National Day of Prayer.

About 120 people took part in a prayer and worship service led by the First Baptist North Spartanburg Praise Team. The event was one of many nationwide to observe the 65th annual National Day of Prayer, which is designated as the first Thursday of May.

Julie West of Roebuck attended the event for the first time. West said prayer is needed to restore faith in daily life because the nation's Christian values are eroding.

"We need prayer for our leaders in Washington," West said. "Our country is not where it needs to be. Christians today are feeling like they are in the minority."

Isaac Quick, Promised Land youth pastor, said schools, government and the nation all need prayers.



Residents take part in the annual National Day of Prayer Thursday at the Beacon Drive-In in Spartanburg.

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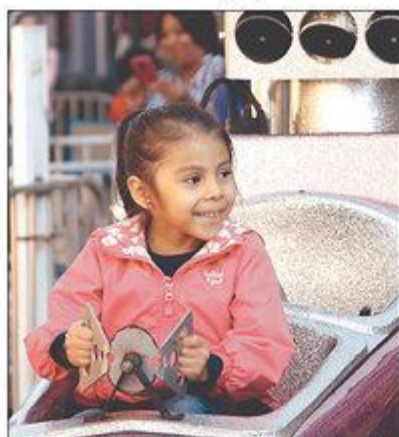


Thrill-seeker's screams mix with the live music playing at Abbeville's annual Spring Festival, which continues through Saturday night.

FUN ON THE SQUARE

Smells of fried foods and sounds of thrill-seekers flood downtown — the annual Abbeville Spring Festival is here. From cotton-candy stands and fried donuts to live bands and amusement rides, there's things to enjoy for people of all ages. Though the festival started Thursday, it continues through Saturday night. There's still time to catch the vendors, today's tricycle race or Saturday's car show. For live music, people can still catch gospel singers, Mac Arnold and Plate Full O'Blues and The Night Affair Band, among others.

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DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ



A girl grips the wheel of her drag-racer amusement ride Thursday night at Abbeville's annual Spring Festival, which continues through Saturday.



Greenwood's Jake Bartley Band played Thursday night at Abbeville's annual Spring Festival.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Today

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour McGowan Barksdale Bundy house, \$10 admission.
1:30-4:30 p.m. Tour Burt Stark mansion, \$10 admission.
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Craft vendors.
2-2:30 p.m. Keith Hall.
3-4 p.m. Stephanie Green-Voices of Praise.
5-10:30 p.m. Food and amusement rides on the square.
5-6:30 p.m. Thomas Fountain.
6-8 p.m. United Way tricycle race, North Main Street.
6:45-7:30 p.m. Wendy's Dance Academy.
8-11 p.m. The Night Affair Band.

Saturday

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Craft vendors and Clemson Extension, Livery Stables and on the square.
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tours McGowan Barksdale Bundy house, \$10 admission.
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Flower show on the veranda at McGowan Barksdale Bundy house.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dodgeball tournament at Abbeville Civic Center, \$30 per team.
11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Food vendors.
Noon-4 p.m. Trinity Church open for tours, program at 2 p.m.
Noon-3 p.m. Unlimited rides with wristband.
Noon-6 p.m. Wheels of Time Car Show.
Noon Welcome and announcements.
Noon-10:30 p.m. Amusement rides on the square.
12:15-2:15 p.m. Mac Arnold and Plate Full O'Blues.
1:30-4:30 p.m. Tours Burt Stark mansion, \$10 admission.
2:30-3:15 p.m. Kitty Steadman.
3:30-4:15 p.m. North Side Praise Band.
4:30-5 p.m. FFA dance group.
6-7:30 p.m. Edgewood Band.
8-11 p.m. The Vistas.

■ CAMPAIGN 2016

Trump strains to unite party

House Speaker says he can't support him

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NEW YORK — Donald Trump is struggling in his efforts to unify the Republican Party behind his presidential campaign, the difficulty immediately underscored Thursday by a startling exchange of negative comments with GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan who said he was not ready to support him.

Although Trump is now the party's presumptive nominee, Ryan said Thursday, "I'm just not ready to do that at this point. I'm not there right now." Still, he added, "I hope to. And I want to," in comments on CNN's "The Lead."

Trump responded, in a statement released by his campaign, that he was "not ready to support" Ryan's agenda as the party's leader in the U.S. House. "Perhaps in the future we can work together and come to an agreement about what is best for the American people," he said.

Two days after the Indiana primary all but sealed Trump's victory as the man who will lead their election ticket in November, he is appealing to big-money donors he blasted during the primaries as he takes his first steps toward raising the massive amounts of cash he'll need for the general election campaign.

That effort was hardly helped by the rejection — for now — by Ryan, the Wisconsin congressman who was Mitt Romney's running mate in 2012. In addition, Romney and former President George W. Bush said they do not plan to attend the party's national convention in July.

Trump is aiming to broaden his primary insurgency into a full-fledged general election campaign, reaching out to party heavyweights and trying to repair his

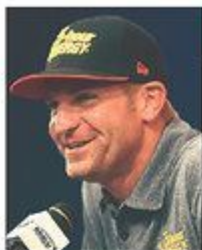


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Dillon Coach Hayes to be honored by FMU



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COLUMBIA — Coach Hayes keeps on winning — but you won't hear that from him.

South Carolina Rep. Jackie Hayes, a.k.a. Dillon High School's multiple-championship-winning hall-of-fame football "Coach Hayes," has remained humble despite his statewide reputation as a coach and a champion for his constituents.

Hayes has represented District 55 at the Statehouse for 18 years, has earned a spot on the House Ways and Means Committee and gained bipartisan respect. He's also led the Dillon Wildcats to six state titles in the last eight years — the last four consecutively. He has a coaching record of 278 wins and 50 losses, and in 2012 he was inducted in the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame.

On Saturday, Hayes can

add another title to his belt with an honorary degree from Francis Marion University at the school's spring graduation ceremony.

"I'm very humbled by this. There are so many others who could have been recognized," Hayes said. "I don't do the things I do for recognition but I'm honored to receive this from Francis Marion."

Hayes was born in Marion County and lives in the Hamer community of Dillon County.

"I don't consider myself

a politician. I'm just an old football coach," he said. "I don't have all the answers but if I tell you something I'm going to stand by it and help you all that I can. I might not be able to get you where you want to go but you'll know I'm going to try."

What sets Hayes apart from other Columbia politicians is the "coach approach" he brings to constituent service.

"Coaching teaches you

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Florence leaders take part in National Day of Prayer

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
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FLORENCE — The Florence Baptist Association sponsored a National Day of Prayer program Thursday that brought together church, government, business and education leaders at the Florence County Complex.

Eight Florence leaders attended the program and each prayed aloud.

Anna Toniolo, an owner of Stefano's Italian Restaurant in Florence, was one of the program's participants Thursday. She spoke and prayed on behalf of business owners.

One of the several scriptures Toniolo referenced was Psalm 135, which speaks about praising the Lord.

"This passage of scripture lends a reminder, as business owners and leaders, we must be very careful to always make sure we praise God and not let our titles or business become our god," Toniolo said. "We must always make sure when we are conducting business, small tasks or very large tasks, to do it in a way that's pleasing to our Lord."

To have a National Day of Prayer program, such as the one held at the county complex, is awesome, Toniolo said. She said it is an honor and privilege to be able to have a program of such because so many communities are shutting that opportunity down.

"And I just think that we need to seize it while we still have the opportunity," Toniolo said. "We don't have to fear for our lives while doing it."

The Rev. Bryan Chapman, a Florence School District One board member, prayed on behalf of the education department. He



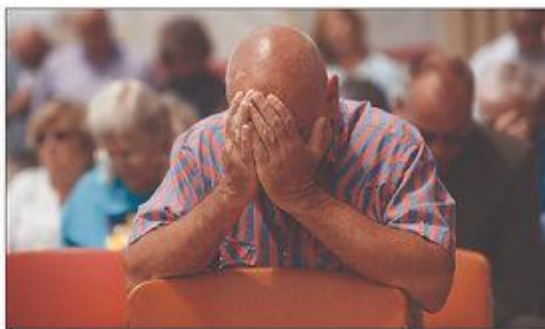
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gave an update on happenings in the district and encouraged attendees to pray at the schools on the weekends.

"I would encourage you on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to walk around our schools and pray for them," Chapman said. "Get your Sunday school class and get some other people. You're free to do that. They're all public places."

Chapman reminded people not to do so during school, but they're free to walk around the

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ABOVE: St. Paul United Methodist Church held a citywide National Day of Prayer service on Thursday evening. The theme for this year's day of prayer is "Wake Up America," and quotes Isaiah 58:1, "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."

LEFT: David Dean prays during the National Day of Prayer service held at the Florence County Complex on Thursday.

BONE-E-FIT

Despite the weather, hundreds crowded the Waters Building and the James Allen Plaza for the 2016 Bone-E-Fit. The event is the largest fundraiser for the Florence



River Jamboree to return to Lynches River County Park

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FLORENCE — The River Jamboree returns to Lynches River County Park this Saturday with

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» **WHERE:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Road in Coward.
» **WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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