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Greenville names police chief

Community relations to be priority for Ken Miller

By Lyn Riddle

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Ken Miller and his wife, Kris, were driving around looking at people and places around Greenville when Miller's cell phone rang Wednesday morning.

It was an 864 area code. He knew he was likely to hear one of two things. He would be Greenville's new police chief or not.

The 50-year-old chief of the police department in Greensboro, North Carolina, got the job. His annual salary will be \$140,000, slightly more than

\$20,000 a year more than former Chief Terri Wilfong, who retired April 15.

Meanwhile, Interim Police Chief Mike Gambrell, a 30-year police department veteran and one of the finalists for the chief job, submitted his letter of re-

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Kenneth Miller will begin his new job as police chief in Greenville on Sept. 15. HEIDI HEILBRUN/STAFF

Sealed Air jobs moving to NC

New headquarters to be set up in Charlotte

By Rudolph Bell

and David Dykes
Staff Writers

Sealed Air Corp. considered putting a new headquarters in Greenville, and spending \$58 million on a new office building along Interstate 85, before announcing Wednesday that it had picked Charlotte, Greenville County officials said.

Sealed Air was the company county officials referred to as Project Infinium and had been courting for a \$58 million capital project and 490 new jobs, said Bob Taylor, County Council chairman, and Kevin Landmesser, interim president of Greenville Area Development Corp., the county's economic development organization.

County officials had given preliminary approval to a property tax break only to learn that Sealed Air decided to put the headquarters in Charlotte, taking with it 750 jobs in Greenville and Duncan.

Landmesser said he was told that air service and workforce were two factors that prompted the company to pick Charlotte.

International flights available in Charlotte and not Greenville were attractive to a global company with much of its business overseas, Landmesser said.

Sealed Air considered several sites along I-85 in Greenville County for the new headquarters, but not downtown, he said.

"We were told they preferred the visibility of the interstate," Landmesser said.

As for workforce, he said Sealed Air found "a lot more

VOLUNTEERS RETURN FLOOD-RAVAGED AREA TO FORMER GLORY



Areas around the Duck Pond at the S.C. Botanical Gardens have been redesigned to better handle flooding. MYKAL MCELLOWNEY/STAFF

1,000

Number of different species of plants living along the trail, many of which washed away during the flood but have since been restored

\$225K

Cost to restore gardens after damage from last year's flood

102M

Gallons of water that fell in the watershed that feeds into the Botanical Gardens

NEW LIFE IN THE GARDEN

By Ron Barnett

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CLEMSON — One year after a flood of epic proportions ripped through the South Carolina Botanical Gardens leaving a \$225,000 path of destruction in its wake, the garden is fully operational again, thanks to design work by students and manpower and cash donations by a host of volunteers.

And if another freak storm

hits again like the one that dumped eight inches of rain in four hours on July 13, 2013, the gardens will be better able to withstand the torrent, according to Clemson University officials.

Seven footbridges that washed away when the Duck Pond overflowed have been redesigned and reinforced by steel and concrete.

"Hopefully, they'll last

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DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Take a look at some of the new features in the South Carolina Botanical Gardens that have been designed to withstand future flooding in a video at GreenvilleOnline.com.

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Thousands in S.C. may get refund check from health insurer. SOUTH, B1

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S.C. Legislature gets thumbs down in poll

In wake of session's 'ugly politics,' 45% of voters disapprove of job



PHOTOGRAPH BY JIMMY STAFF

Forty-five percent of likely voters surveyed said they disapproved of the Legislature's performance, while 22 percent approved.

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's legislative session this year was rife with controversy and a lack of progress on key issues, likely contributing to voters' general disapproval of the Legislature as a whole, according to experts and a new Palmetto Politics poll.

The poll, commissioned by The Post and Courier and three television stations, showed that 45 percent of 1,000 likely voters surveyed disapproved of the job the state Legislature has done. On the other hand, 22 percent approved of the Legislature's performance and 33 percent were undecided. At the same time, the voters polled were split on the direction South Carolina is heading. While 44 percent believe the state is heading in the right direction,

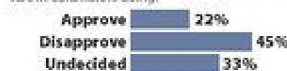
Palmetto Politics Poll

Commissioned by The Post and Courier, WCCN-TV in Charleston, WACH-TV in Columbia and WFFV-TV in Greenville.

Question: Is South Carolina going in the right direction, or has it gotten on the wrong track?



Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state Legislature in Columbia is doing?



Results from 1,000 likely voters.



Poll
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state Legislature in Columbia is doing? Find this story at palmettopolitics.com to vote.

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County Council weighs big raise

Chair says it's tough to attract good candidates

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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The Charleston County Council's first raise in more than a decade, which is up for approval Thursday, would boost the chairman's salary by 50 percent and members' pay by 44 percent.

If approved by the Council's Finance Committee, the chairman's salary would be increased from \$17,347 to \$26,140 and the eight council members' pay would go from \$14,352 to \$20,738. The raises would be effective Jan. 1.

"County Council hasn't had a raise in 15 to 20 years. It's hard to attract good candidates for \$15-per-meeting," said Chairman Teddie Pryor. "It's not about me. It's about the people that come behind me."

Other elected officials up for raises are: County Coroner, 15 percent to \$101,405; Register Mesine Conveyance, 10 percent to \$115,986; and the Clerk of Court, 13 percent to \$119,710.

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Charleston bike share gearing up

Next year, you'll be able to borrow a ride on city's peninsula

BY DIANE KNIGH
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Nearly 10 years after an initial, failed attempt, Charleston will again take the plunge on a bike-sharing program early next year that could be similar to one in the nation's capital.

The program likely will start with about 200 bikes at 20 stations around the peninsula south of the Crosstown, said Tim Koene, the city's planning director. People will be able to check out a bike at one station, then return it to any other station.

A committee of city officials has received three proposals from private companies interested in running the bike share, said City Councilman Rodney Williams, who is a member

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Poll

Will you use the city's bike share program? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

Do reality shows compete on political stage?

Tune in to see how laws apply to Graham's rival Ravenel

BY ROBERT REHRE
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U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham said running for Senate "isn't a reality television show," but that doesn't mean it's devoid of drama and intrigue.

One of Graham's opponents, Thomas Ravenel, stars in the reality TV show "Southern Charm," and at least one other reality TV hopeful is running for Congress in New York.

As a result, regulators are scrambling to decide how campaign and

communication laws apply to all the free publicity these shows provide.

At issue is whether federal equal time and campaign contribution laws apply to a type of television



Graham Ravenel

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DSS: We need 202 more caseworkers

Agency official says
\$10 million cost would
improve child safety

By JAMIE SELF
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The state's child welfare agency should hire 202 new caseworkers — about a 25 percent increase — to reduce caseloads that Social Services leaders, lawmakers and child welfare advocates say are too high to ensure children's safety.

South Carolina Department of Social Services deputy director Jessica Hanak-Coulter told senators Wednesday that hiring 202 new workers would keep caseloads at or below proposed limits for the number of cases and children each worker can shoulder at a time.

Hiring the new caseworkers would cost \$10 million and require approval by the General Assembly.

In the last four years, Social Services has made only one request to hire new caseworkers — a point that frustrates senators on the special panel that has been investigating Social Services. That investigation began after child welfare advocates said Social Services was missing abuse cases that led to children dying.

Earlier this year, Social Services received approval to hire 50 new caseworkers. That request came after the Senate started its hearings.

The new employees — 109 front-line caseworkers, 79 supervisors working directly with caseworkers and second-shift relief for the day-time caseworkers — would help Social Services lower caseloads,



Jessica Hanak-Coulter, deputy state director of Human Services for DSS, asked a Senate panel Wednesday for more child welfare caseworkers.

Hanak-Coulter said.

The agency wants to limit its child abuse investigators to cases involving no more than 24 children. Foster care workers would handle no more than 14 to 20 children ideally.

The lower caseload limits came about after the agency started a study in August that a state auditing agency recommended in 2006.

The new positions would reverse a four-year decline in the number of child-protective services and foster care positions approved by the Legislature. Those positions have dropped by 255, or 18 percent, since 2009.

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The Senate DSS Oversight Committee met for the first time Wednesday since former DSS director Lillian Koller resigned.

Experts see stronger economy

They say a number of factors bode well despite sluggishness

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Out of a seemingly hollow recovery from the Great Recession, a more durable if still slow-growing U.S. economy has emerged.

That conclusion, one held by a growing number of economists, might surprise many people. After all, in the five years since the recession officially ended, Americans' pay has basically stagnated. Millions remain unemployed or have abandoned their job searches. Economic growth is merely plodding along.

Yet as the economy has slowly healed, analysts say it has replaced some critical weaknesses with newfound strengths. Among the trends:

- Fewer people are piling up credit card debt or taking on risky mortgages. This should make growth more sustainable and avoid a cycle of extreme booms and busts.

- Banks are more profitable and holding additional cash to help protect against a repeat of the 2008 market meltdown.

- More workers hold advanced degrees. Education typically leads to higher wages and greater job security, reducing the likelihood of unemployment.

- Inflation is under control. Runaway price increases would be destructive. Low inflation can lay a foundation for growth.

- Millions who have reached retirement age are staying on the job. This lessens the economic drag from retiring baby boomers and helps sustain consumer spending.

Over the long run, such trends could help produce a sturdier economy, one less prone to the kind of runaway growth that often ends in a steep and sudden slump.

The downside? At least in the

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LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS ON A ROLL

Plenty to cheer about in Irmo

Majors softball and three other teams win state titles

By AKILAH IMANI NELSON
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A dozen girls from Irmo are going to the big dance this week in Warner Robins, Ga. They are members of the Irmo Little League 11-12-year-old softball team, and their stage is the Little League Southeast Regional tournament, which begins Thursday.

It's the second consecutive



GM recalls 823,000 more vehicles

The latest recalls for six safety problems in cars, trucks and SUVs bring the automaker's annual total to 60 recalls covering almost 30 million vehicles.

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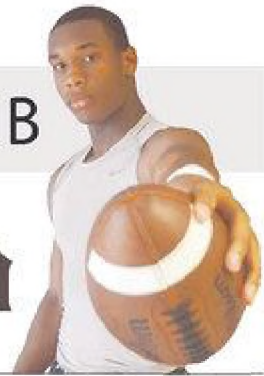
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SRR president talks success



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Despite 2000 combined furloughs and layoffs, and a funding scope that adds up to \$20 million less than what it was a year ago, Stuart MacVean—interim president of the Savannah River Site's liquid waste contractor—said workers have done a remarkable job in continuing waste treatment.

On Wednesday, MacVean addressed about 100 people at the Up and Atom Breakfast

at Newberry Hall, an event put on by the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness, or CNTA.

MacVean, who is expected to be named the president of Savannah River Remediation, was accompanied by a large group of summer interns while he spoke about Savannah River Remediation's ability to operate under a tight budget.

"We were able to successfully close two more tanks ahead of schedule, and nobody thought we were going to be able to do that

under the budget we had," MacVean said.

"The idea is that even in a strained budget environment, we have to find ways to prosper."

SRR operationally closed Tanks 5 and 6 back in December. The deadline for the closures was December 2013, putting SRS two years ahead of schedule. The Site now has 45 remaining tanks.

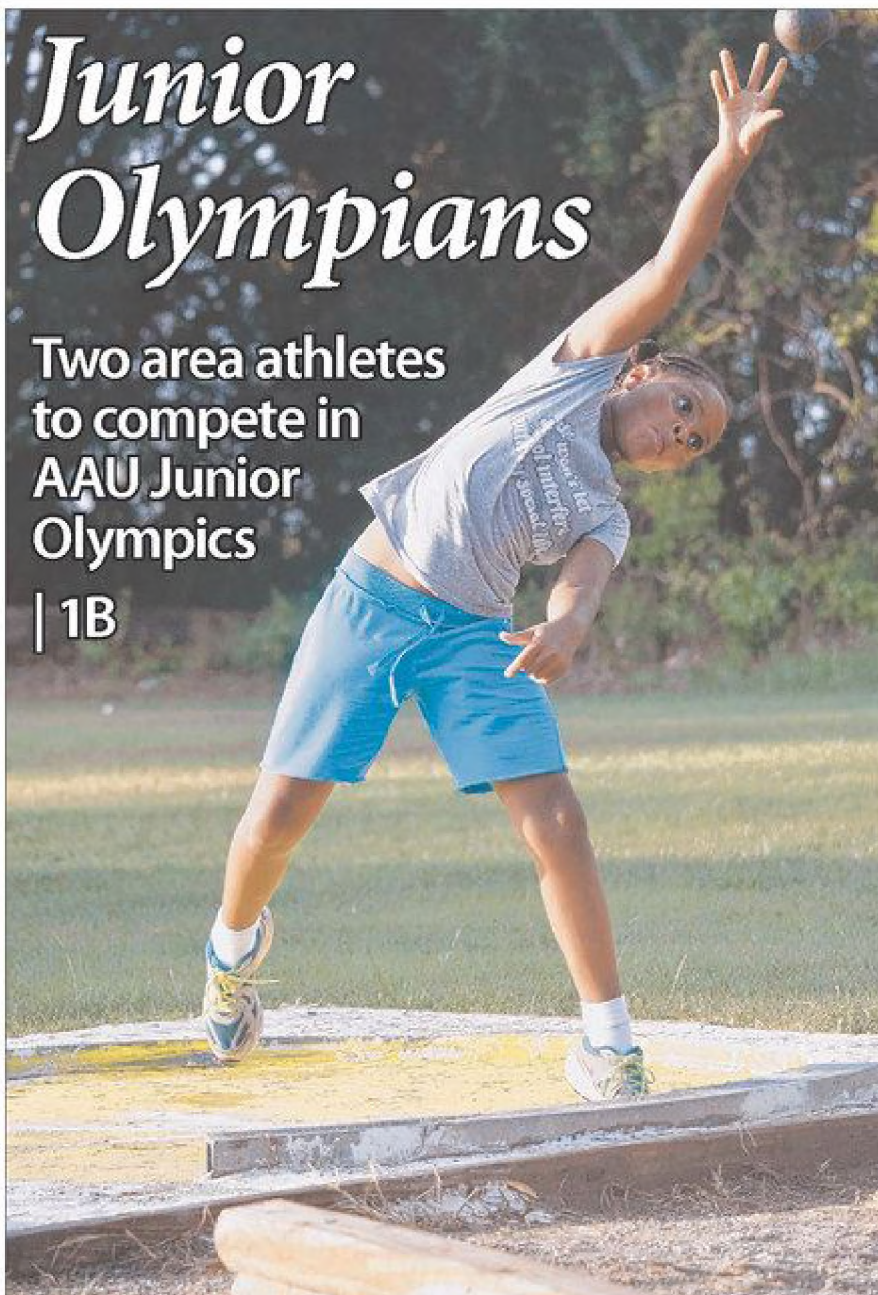
MacVean said the challenges are maintaining a strong number of employees, and finding funding to execute small-scale projects

that benefit the larger goal.

"We have a lot of new innovations and are finding ways to save money," MacVean said. "So we're starting to see some new gains that are going to make a difference for us."

After MacVean took his seat, Savannah River Remediation intern and University of South Carolina student Xianghui Foxworth spoke about some of his experiences at the Site.

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Junior Olympians

Two area athletes to compete in AAU Junior Olympics

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Keeping officers, offenders unharmed

Officers utilize the 'minimum amount of force' to stay safe

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The case of a New York man who died last week after being wrestled to the ground by police officers has prompted discussion about use of force by law enforcement, specifically the use of a so-called "chokehold" by one of the New York officers.

Aiken Department of Public Safety officers begin their training in defensive tactics at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and have annual refresher courses, according to Lt. Jake Mahoney, spokesman for Aiken Public Safety.

'Minimum amount of force necessary'

"We use the minimum amount of force necessary to overcome the resistance offered by the offender," he said, adding the techniques are endorsed by the Criminal Justice Academy. Regarding whether the department has a policy on the use of neck restraints, Mahoney said there are some techniques that are approved by the Criminal Justice Academy, particularly the "shoulder pin."

Lt. Jake Mahoney, spokesman for Aiken Public Safety



The shoulder pin is defined as "a form of vascular neck restraint which is taught by the South Carolina Criminal Justice



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REPUBLICANS RESPOND
TO OBAMA BORDER PLAN

House supports \$1.5B proposal

By HEIDI PRZYBYLA
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Bloomberg News



WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders on Wednesday proposed giving President Barack Obama less than half of his \$3.7 billion emergency request to address an influx of migrant children at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The \$1.5 billion draft plan, offered by a group of House Republicans including Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers of Kentucky, is the maximum amount Republicans said they can support and may be reduced further because members of their own party won't accept more spending.

"That would be too much for me," Sen. Richard Shelby, the top Republican on that chamber's Appropriations

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Fake IDs expose weak links

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undercover investigators using fake identities were able to secure taxpayer-subsidized health insurance under President Barack Obama's health care law, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

The weak link seemed to be call centers that handled applications for frazzled consumers unable to get through online.

The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office told a House committee that its investigators were able to get subsidized health care under fake names in 11 out of 18 attempts — even after HealthCare.gov's much maligned online system flagged some applications as problematic.

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AMONG THE FINDINGS

59TH ANNUAL BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL

PHOTOS ON THE WEB
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To catch up on this week's events, go to bit.ly/h2ofest.

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Tweet your experience using the hashtag #BeaufortH2OFest.

MORE INSIDE
For a complete list of talent show winners, please see 7A.



DELAYNA EARLEY • Staff photos

Abi Wiley, 11, of Beaufort performs "What Does the Fox Say" during the talent show on Wednesday night at the 59th Beaufort Water Festival at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park. "My dad told me that if I learned the song he would buy me the costume," Wiley said.

Locals rock festival's talent show

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Damyla Smith, 7, may only stand a bit over 3 feet tall, but the pint-sized diva not only dominated the stage but filled Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park with her voice Wednesday night.

The second-grader wasn't nervous in front of the crowd of several thousand who cheered her on during the 59th Annual Beaufort Water Festival's Talent Show.

In her mind, Damyla was at home, singing to her biggest fans.

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Shelby Raye, 13, of Columbia, sings "Two Black Cadillacs" during Wednesday's talent show. Raye tied with Briana Wernsing for first place in the Individual category B.

IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

Mosquitoes likely to hatch in high numbers next week



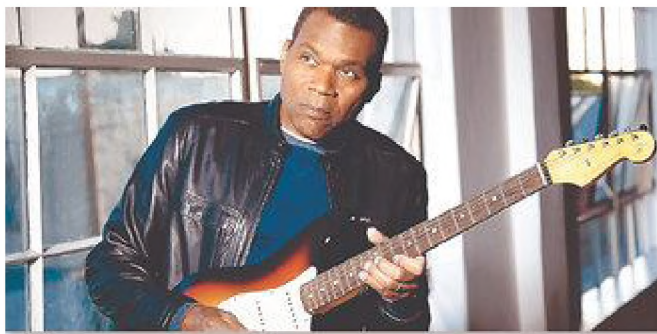
By LAURA OBERLE
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Mosquitoes could be swarming in Beaufort County by next week be-



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end of next week. So far, the county has seen a typical mosquito season, Hunt



40 years together

The Robert Cray Band is still going strong
escape

Herald-Journal

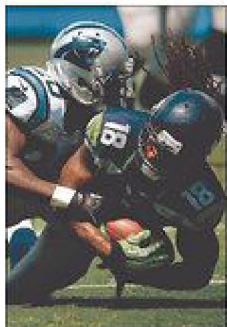
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Rice retires

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Sidney Rice, a former standout at Gaffney High School and South Carolina, announced his retirement from the NFL on Wednesday after an injury-filled career that included issues with concussions. **PAGE B1**

Impasse

At an impasse on immigration, House Republicans and Senate Democrats advanced competing proposals Wednesday for dealing with tens of thousands of young migrants showing up at the southern border. **PAGE A3**

SoCon picks

Chattanooga, which shared the Southern Conference football championship last season with Furman and Samford yet was not invited to the FCS playoffs, was named preseason No. 1 in polls by league coaches and members of the media. Wofford was picked fourth. **PAGE B1**

Maximum sentence

A Spartanburg man, Robert Lee Moore, received the maximum sentence Wednesday after a jury convicted him of attempted murder. **PAGE C1**

More durable

Out of a seemingly hollow recovery from the Great Recession, a more durable if still slow-growing U.S. economy has emerged. **PAGE C4**

Weather

Sealed Air jobs moving to NC

Company to relocate 600 positions
to new headquarters in Charlotte, NC

By **TREVOR ANDERSON**
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At least 600 jobs will be leaving the Upstate during the next few years.

Sealed Air Corp., a provider of packaging and cleaning products for the health and food industries, announced Tuesday it will invest \$57 million to relocate its corporate headquarters from Elmwood Park, N.J., to Charlotte, N.C.

The company said it expects to move 1,300 jobs to the new facility by 2017. It will serve as the home

base for its divisions, research and development, and corporate offices.

Ken Aurichio, a spokesman for Sealed Air, said the company anticipates half of those jobs will come from South Carolina, including between 600 and 650 from its plant in Duncan near the intersection of Highway 290 and Interstate 85.

Sealed Air acquired the facility in 1998 when it purchased Cryovac.

Aurichio said it currently

employs about 1,000 people. He said the facility will remain open.

The company said it will continue to maintain manufacturing operations at its plants in Saddle Brook, N.J., Danbury, Conn., Simpsonville and Seneca. Another facility in Racine, Wis., will also be affected by the announcement.

Aurichio said Sealed Air has narrowed down its site search to a couple of locations near the Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

The company said the new headquarters will be modern, state-of-the-art and environmentally sustainable.

"We are confident Charlotte will

provide a great environment for us to operate and grow our business moving forward," said Jerome Peribere, president and CEO of Sealed Air. "This move will contribute to a stronger, one-company culture that will enable greater collaborations, efficiencies, and better use of our investments in people and new technologies."

Peribere said several things factored into the company's decision.

"We believe Charlotte's many attributes, including its solid economy and its reputation for business friendliness, technology and innovation."

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PADDLE FEST

Sharing his passion for sailing, boats

Expert will lead
seminars at Lake
Blalock Saturday

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Don Rausch has spent the better part of 50 years building and sailing boats, mostly in his home state of Maine.

On Saturday, he will share his knowledge of sailing during the third annual Paddle Fest at Lake Blalock Park in Chesnee.

Rausch worked across the country in such places as Seattle, Galveston, Texas, Baltimore, Los Angeles and San Diego, but he spent most of his time in Maine.

"You know, I got started building (wooden) boats because I wanted to sail, and that's what I did," Rausch said from his boat center in the basement of the Mill Spring Agriculture Development Center in North Carolina.

He's converted an old boiler room in the basement of the former Mill Spring School into his boat workshop, and it's there that he spends seven days most weeks and countless hours teaching young people how to make wooden boats — sailboats and kayaks.

He works with local nonprofit organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters to find teenagers interested in learning how to build their own boat. He then gets a business or individual to sponsor the student so that after



Nestled in an old boiler room in the Agricultural Center in Mill Spring, N.C., Don Rausch enjoys his passion for building small boats. He has several under construction in the small space. Here, Rausch talks about the different boats and the techniques used to build them. He will teach sailing at the Spartanburg Water System's 2014 Paddle Fest at Lake Blalock Park on Saturday.

"Even if I can teach the kids something that they never pick up again, they'll be rewarded for their effort when they take home the boat."



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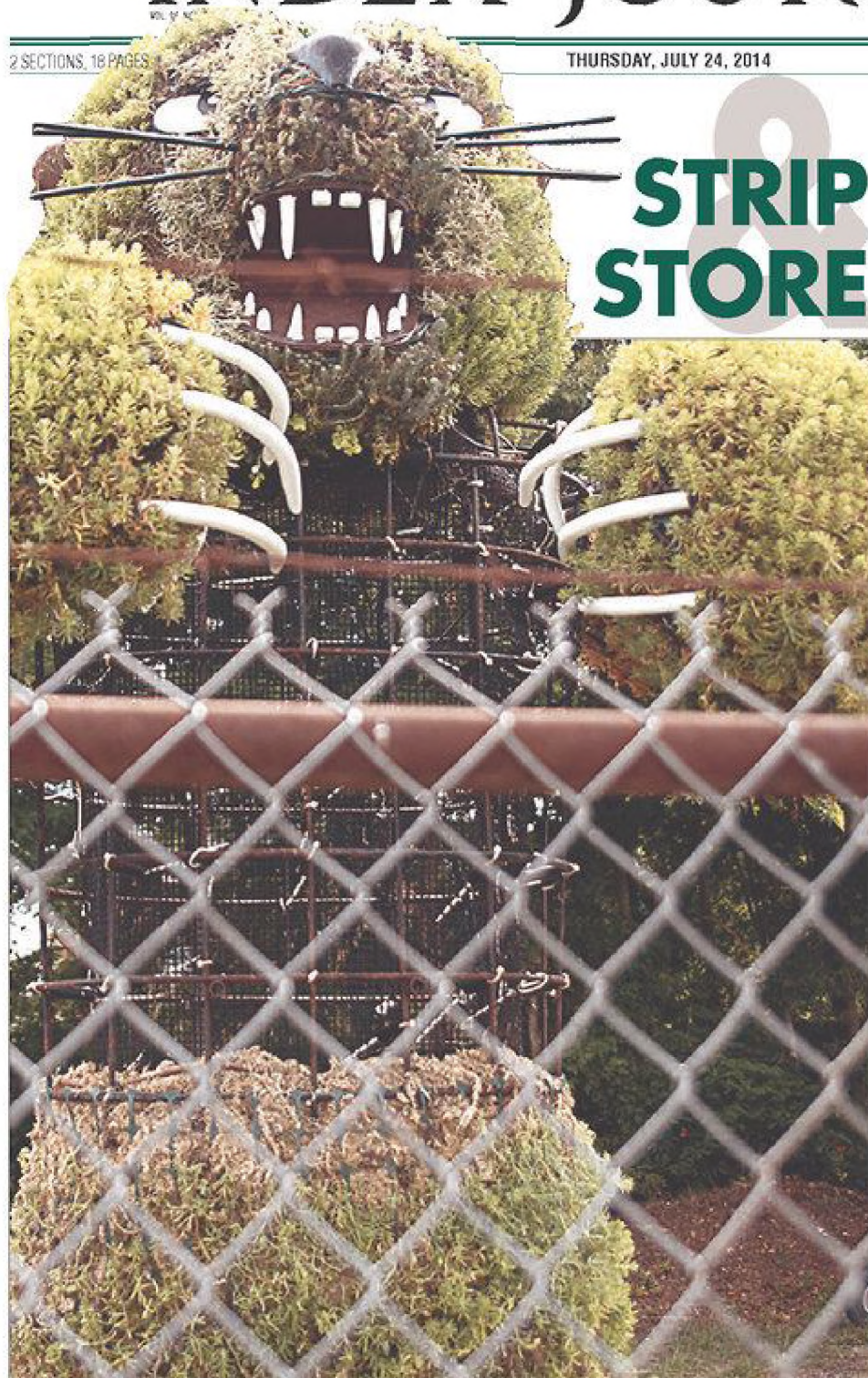
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The Lander Bearcat topiary now resides at the greenhouse on Phoenix St. until next year. The topiaries are getting stuffed with new moss, having their irrigation checked and much more.

After another successful run during the Festival of Flowers, the topiaries that dotted the landscape in Uptown Greenwood are being put away. Maintenance will be performed on each one to prepare them for next year's festival.

Photos by Maddy Jones | Index-Journal

STRIP & STORE

CUTTING COSTS

Metro refinances \$8 million in bonds

By FRANK BUMB
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Low interest rates might hurt the Greenwood Metropolitan District's treasury bond yields but it at least provides the opportunity for some big savings on refinancing.

The Greenwood Metropolitan District commissioners voted 6-0 Wednesday afternoon to refinance \$8 million in general obligation bonds from 1999 and 2004. The refinancing will take advantage of still-low interest rates and save \$400,000.

Greenwood Metro General Manager George Martin said Metro looks for opportunities to cut costs like this.

Another cost-cutting measure addressed by the commissioners was a reworking of the commission's procurement policy. An update to the policy — passed 6-0 — changes language in the policy to compel the commission to purchase from the lowest, responsible bidder. The new language ensures that only bids responsive to a project's specific needs will be accepted. However, if the lowest bid is not accepted for being unresponsive, the general manager must file a report detailing why the low bid was determined as unsuitable.

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COMPUTER GLITCH

Social Security spent \$300M on 'boondoggle'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six years ago, the Social Security Administration embarked on an aggressive plan to replace outdated computer systems overwhelmed by a growing flood of disability claims. Nearly \$300 million later, the new system is nowhere near ready and agency officials are struggling to salvage a project riddled by delays and mismanagement, according to an internal report commissioned by the agency.

In 2008, Social Security said the project was about two to three years from completion. Five years later, it was still two to three years from being done, according to the report by McKinsey and Co., a management consulting firm.

Today, with the project still in the testing phase, the agency can't say when it will be completed or how much it will cost.

In the meantime, people filing for disability claims face long delays at nearly every step of the process — delays that were supposed to be reduced by the new processing system.

"The program has invested \$285 million over six years, delivered limited functionality, and faced schedule delays as well as increasing stakeholder concerns," the report said.



The topiaries from the Festival of Flowers are put away outside the greenhouse on



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Hilton Head could see more liquor stores

Proposed code change would remove rule that alcohol retailers must be built at least 500 feet apart

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Some Hilton Head Island liquor store owners are in bad spirits over proposed changes to town code, which they say could bring more alcohol retailers to the island.

The changes would eliminate a rule that prevents liquor stores from being

built within 500 feet of a property that already has a liquor store. That rule has limited the number of liquor stores on the island, owners and town officials say.

An influx of liquor stores might cheapen the island aesthetic, some liquor store owners argue. They also worry the changes could invite bigger companies that sell alcohol for lower prices, squeezing out local shops.

"All these years we've operated with this rule, and now they're yanking the rug out from under us," said Philip Johnson, who owns Park Plaza Liquor and Fine Wine.

The issue has divided town officials, who seek to create opportunities for new businesses without harming existing ones.

Please see LIQUOR on 7A

OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN CODE

Along with liquor stores, the proposed code would eliminate 500-foot separation rules between bars,



nightclubs and tattoo parlors. Strip clubs and other adult-entertainment venues would still need to be at least 750 feet from one another, according to a draft of the code.



High tides, heavy rain, heat could bring Lowcountry more bites



JAY KARR • Staff photo

Elizabeth Hager, deputy director of Beaufort County Mosquito Control, checks a mosquito trap Wednesday near the intersection of Carteret and Duke streets in Beaufort. She planned to test the mosquitoes in the trap for West Nile virus. Mosquito Control has set out more than 40 traps of various types throughout the county, she said.

Beaufort County Mosquito Control will track, spray insect hot spots

WATCH OUT FOR STANDING WATER

The types of mosquitoes that can carry West Nile

Mosquitoes could be swarming in Beaufort County by next week because recent higher tides, heavy rain and hot temperatures have made for prime breeding conditions, mosquito-control officials say.

Saltwater species of the insect thrive on high tides, and freshwater mosquitoes proliferate when heavy rains leave standing water, according to Beaufort

the end of next week.

So far, the county has seen a typical mosquito season, Hunt said.

Mosquito Control will focus aerial spraying this week over Rose Hill Plantation in Bluffton and over St. Helena Island, Hunt said.

Mosquito Control identifies hot spots by tracking phone and email complaints, by examining the amount of insects col-

IMMIGRATION OVERLOAD

Divide threatens funding for border

By HEIDI PRZYBYLA
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Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders on Wednesday proposed giving President Barack Obama less than half of his \$3.7 billion emergency request to address an influx of migrant children at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The \$1.5 billion draft plan, offered by a group of House Republicans including Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers of Kentucky, is the maximum amount Republicans said they can support and may be reduced further because members of their own party won't accept more spending.

"That would be too much for me," Sen. Richard Shelby, the top Republican on that chamber's Appropriations Committee, said of the Rogers proposal.

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HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL

Invalid IDs verified for insurance

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undercover investigators using fake identities were able to secure taxpayer-subsidized health insurance under President Barack Obama's health care law, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

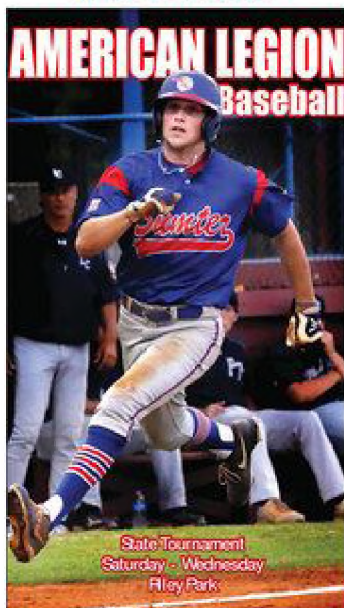
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2 women take law and order into their hands

Afternoon chase ends
with 1 scrap metal theft
suspect caught; 1 flees

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Two men attempting to take scrap metal from behind a home ran into trouble Wednesday when the women inside decided they weren't going to let them get away with it.

They chased down the men's truck, forced them to stop and held one of them there until law enforcement arrived, all while armed with nothing more than a car horn.



Melissa Mouradjian speaks Wednesday afternoon with Cpl. Richard Martin on Highview Street beside a pickup truck loaded with scrap metal reportedly stolen from her family's property.

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THE SUMTER ITEM

"This was their unlucky day," said Melissa Mouradjian, who chased the men from her home on Outfield Road in the Nettles Road area in southern Sumter County along with her 19-year-old daughter-in-law, Courtney Anderson.

Mouradjian's stepfather has a collection of scrap metal piled behind the property on the end of a dirt road, and the family has lost about \$400 worth of metal to

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YOUTH MILITARY TRAINING CORPS

Military, ministry create alliance



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Students in the Youth Military Training Corps summer program salute during military formation training at Church of God of Prophecy in Sumter on Wednesday. The program began 13 years ago with the motto "Uncuffing Young Minds."

Program teaches children leadership skills, biblical lessons

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Eradicating bad behavior and instilling leadership, good behavior and teamwork encompasses everything Director and CEO Levern McFadden wanted to accomplish when he started the Youth Military Training Corps program in 2001.

Now, 13 years later, McFadden has finished conducting another six-week summer program for about 25 students, who will graduate with certificates of participation next Saturday.

"Having been in this for more than 10 years, I know there are plenty of summer programs out

I've enjoyed the experience, and I understand that you can't just have life how you want it. You have to follow instructions and listen to people.

JOBEY McLEOD

15-year-old Youth Military Training Corps program participant

other problems."

This summer the students — ranging in age from 4 to 16 — learned military-style formations as well as leadership skills and discipline. With the help of five other program employees, McFadden said they also took time throughout the past six weeks to mentor

themselves from other local and statewide summer camps and leadership programs by also including an inspirational and spiritual component.

Through group mentoring and an inspirational hour every day, the students were instilled with biblical principles and learned



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Defense attorney Charles Griffin confers with 17-year-old LaQuavus Cleveland during the start of his attempted murder trial Wednesday.

Bloody crime replayed for jury

Teen accused of nearly killing cousin over gun, drugs

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Prosecutors showed an Oconee County jury graphic photos of a man stabbed 11 times in the trial of a 17-year-old accused of almost killing his cousin last year.

LaQuavus Tyshawn

Cleveland was 16 at the time of the incident, but he is being tried as an adult in the stabbing of 32-year-old Shannon Kirkland.

On Wednesday, circuit judge Alex Macaulay allowed prosecutors to show photos of the wounded and bloodied Kirkland over the objec-

tions of defense attorney Charles Griffin.

The photos were shown while Cindy Blackwell was on the witness stand. Blackwell is the owner of Seneca Produce on Shiloh Road who attended to the victim after he crumpled outside her store seeking help July 8, 2013.

Blackwell's testimony

was as graphic as the photos projected on a giant screen for the jury. "There was blood squirting from the top of his head from a wound," Blackwell said during questioning by assistant solicitor Lindsey Simmons.

Blackwell said she also

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Neighbors oppose group home expansion

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A unique group home for bullied boys hopes to expand, while several of its Mountain Rest neighbors contend it has already disturbed the peace enough in their rural community.

Whetstone Academy is the only Montessori therapeutic school in the United States, according to its director, Sharon Stricker, and has grown significantly since it began with six students in 2011.

But some local residents

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Botanical Garden makes comeback

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — When describing the South Carolina Botanical Garden now compared to this time a little more than a year ago, his remarkable comeback could



Navy SEALs fasten cables to the Apollo 11 capsule so the crew from the USS Hornet can hoist the capsule aboard the ship on July 24, 1969. The SEALs stayed with the capsule from the time it splashed down until it was hoisted aboard Hornet about two hours later. The SEAL standing near the top of the capsule wears a colorful daisy decal on his chest. He told family and friends he would wear it, "So look for it!" This same SEAL pasted a daisy decal on the Apollo 10 capsule during recovery.

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CAPTURING HISTORY

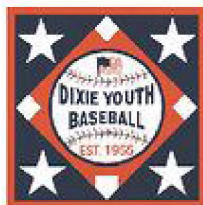
Newry native recalls chronicling return of first men to walk on moon

BY MILT PUTNAM
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

At three hundred hours (3 a.m. civilian time) on July 24, 1969 — Apollo 11 recovery day — all hands involved with the recovery were up moving around and having breakfast. After breakfast, helicopter crews reported to the flight ready room. We received the latest weather reports, nearest distance to land and last minute instructions about splashdown times and location. One helicopter would be on station a few miles



Editor's Note: Today is the 45th anniversary of the return of Apollo 11, the first manned spacecraft to land on the moon. The Columbia capsule returned in a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean, the way all Apollo voyages ended. Milt Putnam, who was born and raised in the Newry community near Seneca, was in the Pacific Ocean taking photos of the recovery of Apollo 11 in the sixth year of his time as a U.S. Navy photographer. He shared his story, along with photos that were published around the world at the time, with The Journal. He is now retired from the Navy and lives in Fletcher, N.C.



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This 'bad girl' is ready to be good

Kingstree native set to star in popular reality TV show

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
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FLORENCE — Ashleigh Nicole Mabry is clear about this: She is a bad girl.

Don't let her sunny appearance fool you.

"I keep the bad girl inside," Mabry said. "On the outside, you see this nice, innocent person. I keep her inside until she has to show out."

Television audiences will see her show out when she stars in "Bad Girls Club: Atlanta," which begins filming in September.

The hit reality show airs on the Oxygen network and is known for bringing a select number of women, all with strong personalities, under one roof. According to Oxygen, each "bad girl" is willing to make a change to their bad girl tendencies.

"It's going to be tough in a house full of females," Mabry said. "It's going to be tough with all of that drama."

The 19-year-old Kingstree native, who resides in Florence, didn't set out to show her bad side to the world.

During her junior year at Kingstree High School, she auditioned for the popular Twerk Team dance group out of Atlanta but was turned away when the group decided not to add another member.

On July 17, though, she received a letter that gave her the chance of a lifetime.

"We are pleased to announce that you are the youngest female ever to be selected to the cast of 'Bad Girls Club,' and the first female that was chosen from the state of South Carolina," the letter read.

The letter states that she was selected from 7,000 application entries from the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ashleigh Mabry, a Kingstree native, is the youngest female selected to the cast of the "Bad Girls Club." She will star on the Atlanta season of the reality show in 2015.

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SMILE PILE



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Florence Post 1 players, including Noah Matthews (top), celebrate Wednesday after beating York Post 66 to win the Junior Legion championship at Florence's Legion Field. Post 1 won, 12-1. **RIGHT:** Florence Post 1 players, including Grayson Cottingham (left), jump for joy. See **Page 1B**.



Sheheen touts his road plan in Pee Dee

Gubernatorial candidate says fix old roads before deciding to build new ones

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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ONLINE

To see video of S.C. Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, a gubernatorial candidate, detailing his "Fix it First" road plan, go to scnw.com.

FLORENCE — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen on Wednesday was in the Pee Dee, one day after announcing a plan he believes will help South Carolina repair and rebuild its roads.

According to Sheheen, his plan sets a responsible course of action to improve safety and efficiency of the state's infrastructure immediately and for the long term.

Sheheen's plan centers around a "Fix it First" approach, focusing on repairing of existing roads before the construction of new ones.

"We need to commit to fixing and improving our existing roads before we focus on new routes," Sheheen said Wednesday

during a stop at the Jebbaly Law Firm in downtown Florence. "Much of I-95 is a disgrace. It's embarrassing. And our secondary roads are not only a disgrace but also very dangerous. We can't choose between urban

Sheheen said he wants to transform how the state pays for its roads and bridges by issuing bonds to fund long-term investment, dedicating 5 percent of the state's general fund revenue for

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Marion County

Firefighters get \$600K to upgrade radios

BY NAEEM MCFADDEN
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MARION — Marion County firefighters are replacing decades-old communications equipment officials said Wednesday thanks to a \$600,415

provide new state-of-the-art gear to all nine fire departments and county emergency medical services.

"This is going to be extremely beneficial for the fire and EMS personnel across the county," Ellis said.

County Administrator Tim Harper said he was thankful to Marion Rural

will last longer."

Ellis said the radios will provide more efficient communications and a safer work environment for responders. The new radios are P25-compliant, allowing users to operate on analog and digital radio systems along with securing the ability to

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— S.C. Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden



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Body
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Authorities have released the name and a photograph of the man whose body was found off Interstate 95 near Holly Hill earlier this month.

Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell said crime scene investigators put a name with the body found on July 8.

*Based on forensic evidence



Barrientos

collected by forensic investigators Lt. Gerald Carter and William

Ketcherside, we have identified the remains that were located off Farm Field Road," Ravenell said.

The sheriff said the body has been identified as 26-year-old Adelso Conrado Barrientos. He said the man resided in North Charleston but had acquaintances in Orangeburg County.

Orangeburg County Chief Deputy Coroner Sean Fogle said a cause of death had not been determined as of Wednesday.

Barrientos' body was located west of Holly Hill off Farm Field Road, a frontage road that runs parallel to I-95. A man working on a water tower in the area brought law enforcement's attention to a spot about a quarter mile south of Highway 176 where it passes under I-95.

According to an incident report, the worker said he was driving on Farm Field Road when he noticed an odor. He located a Nike shoe in a ditch when he investigated the smell.

Investigators located the then-unidentified human remains behind a bush. Crime scene investigators were called in when deputies located the body.

"The handwork of our forensic investigators and all officers led us to identify Barrientos," Ravenell said. "They were in contact with several local, state



State Rep. Russell Ott responds to citizens at a school consolidation hearing Tuesday night at Dover Elementary School in North.

IS BIGGER BETTER?

Residents ask how consolidation will improve schools



LaNeeka Dash voices her opinion on school consolidation at a public hearing Tuesday night in North.

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

NORTH — "I've been around the world in my life. I don't care where you go, bigger is not better," Emory Duff of North said during a public hearing at Dover Elementary School.

Duff was one of several people to question plans to consolidate the county's three school districts into one during Tuesday night's hearing. Rep. Russell Ott, D-St. Matthews, hosted the hearing to gather comments on the issue.

Sens. John Matthews, D-Bowman, and Bud Hutto, D-Orangeburg, introduced a bill that would consolidate Orangeburg County's school districts during the last legislative session. It did not pass, but the issue is expected to come up again next year.

During the hearing, Orange-

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burg Consolidated School District 3 board member Susan Gleaton asked Ott why the senators didn't seek public input before the bill was introduced.

"I'm not advocating for or against" consolidation, Gleaton said. "Ask the authors of the bill why they chose to introduce this before they had our input."

Ott said throughout the hearing that he wasn't "pushing this plan" to consolidate the three

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Blue Ribbon committee
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